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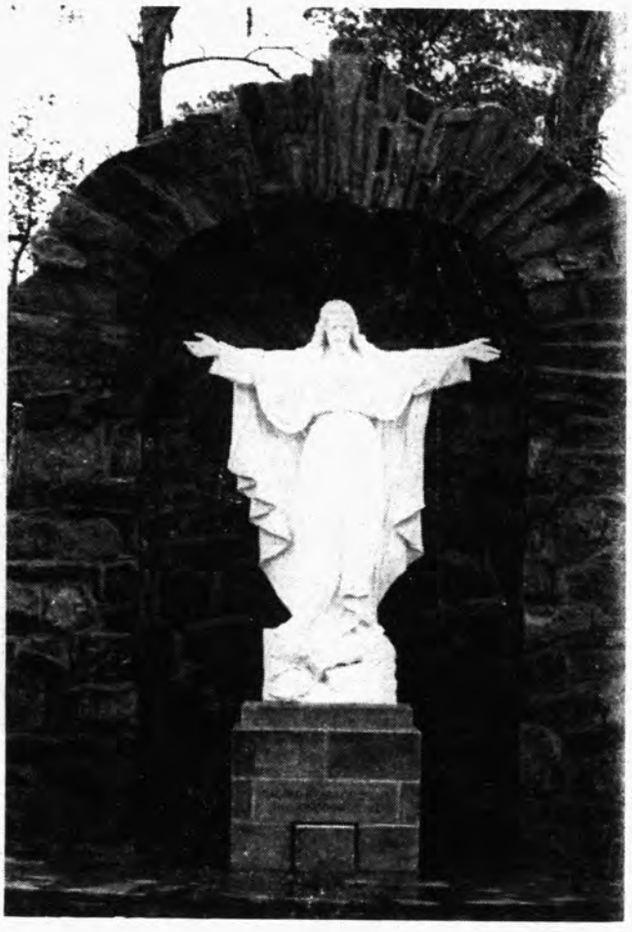

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But this consecration is only the beginning. It is merely the official welcome. The point to be remembered is that Christ is now the head of the family. The family as a unit promises loyalty to Him. And they renew that pledge of loyalty each evening when all the family gather before the image of the Sacred Heart for family prayer. By recognizing Christ as their head and by daily honoring His image with family prayer, they try to make their home worthy to receive the blessing of Christ's eighth promise to St. Margaret Mary: "I will bless every dwelling in which an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored." The children are taught about the love of the Sacred Heart for them. And they in turn learn to love the Sacred Heart and be faithful to Him. When the family makes decisions, it first asks what Christ wishes. When the family is in grief, they go to the Sacred Heart. And when the family rejoices, they thank the Sacred Heart.

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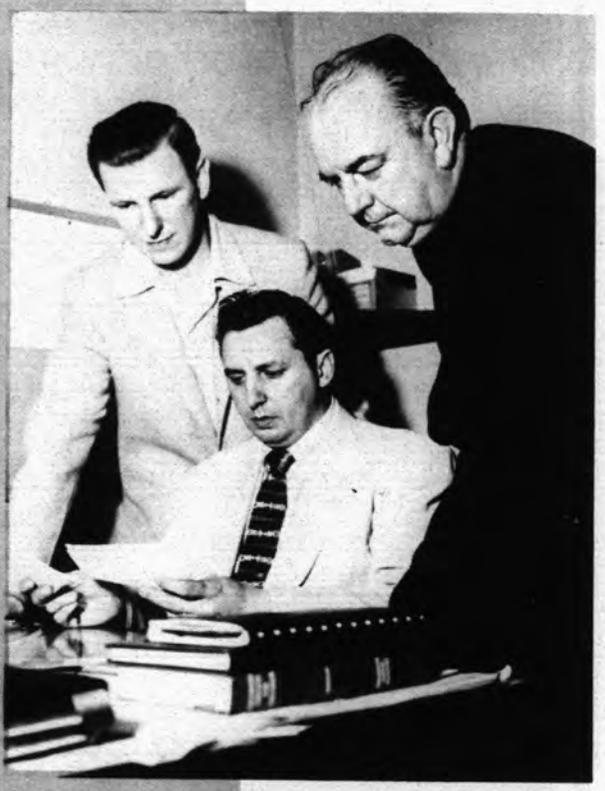

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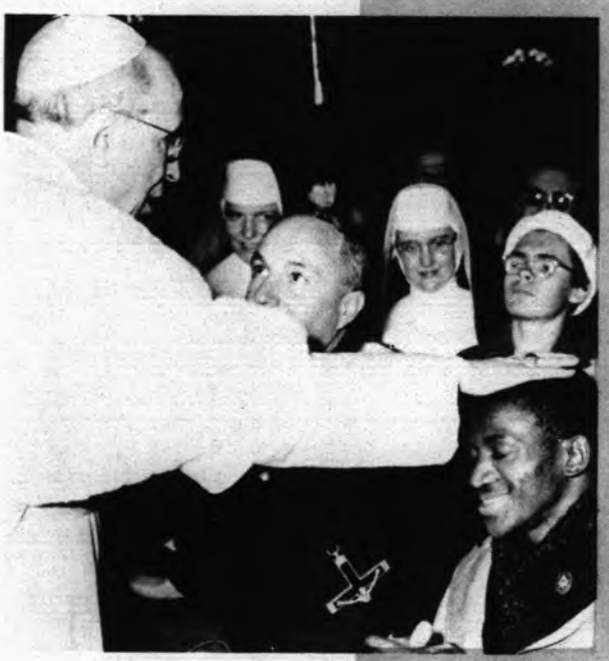

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The Pope of the Eucharist

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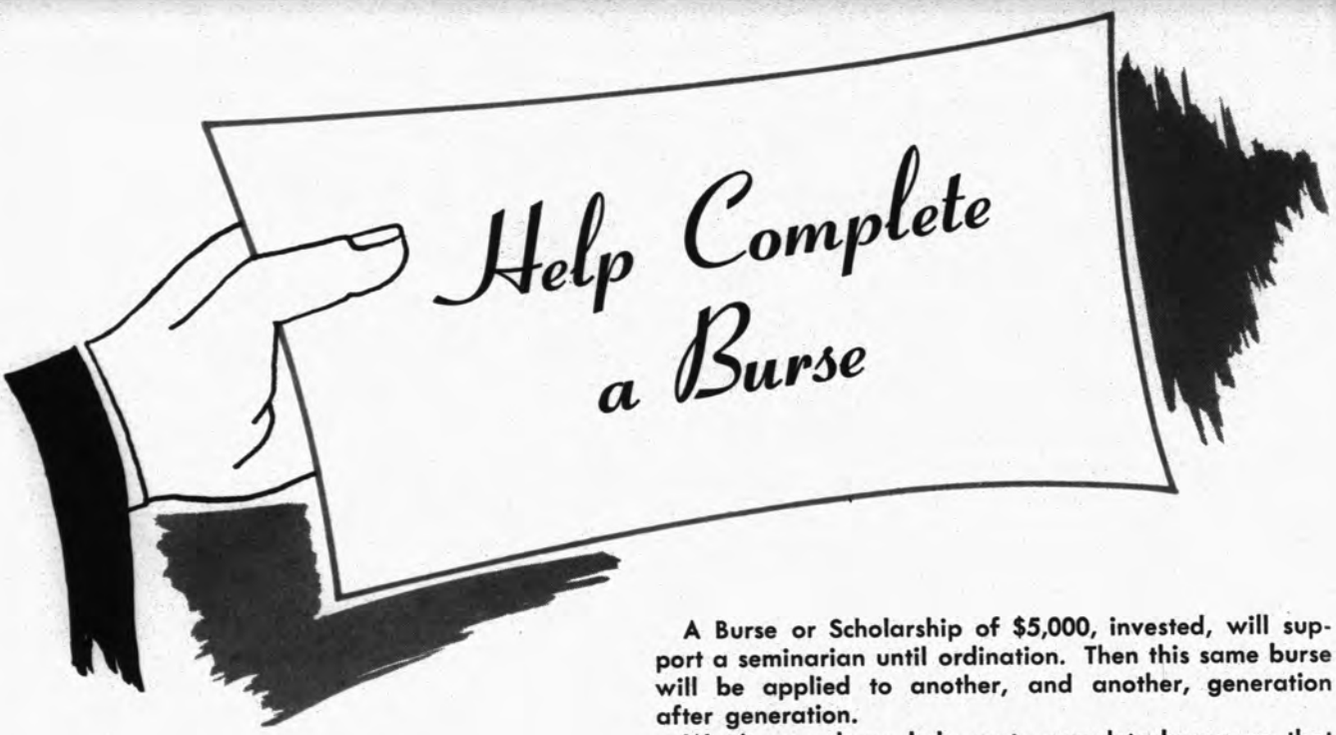

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A CHILD OF *Mary*

By Erwin Bauer, S.V.D.

"It is my wish to show myself a Mother to you."

The centenary of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother at Lourdes recalls a similar apparition on our own continent at Guadalupe. She has a beautiful and consoling message for us, which we would do well to think of during the centennial. The pith of the message is to be found in her words to the humble Juan Diego: "It is my wish to show myself a Mother to you."

Our relationship with our Mother should be patterned on the relationship between a mother and her child. The mother looks into the eyes of her little one and smiles; the little one smiles back. The baby is like a flower in the sunshine of mother's love. When love warms it, like a rose it unfolds, and the fragrance of love and trust emanates from it. Note the happiness of a mother who clasps her new born babe in her arms. She can spend hours loving this image of herself, this bit of herself. She loves and she wants to be loved.

Such should be our relationship with our Blessed Mother. Let her tell us . . . "You are my little child. Jesus was my 'Firstborn.' I loved Him as no one will ever know. One day He left me all alone as He hung from His cross. In that agonizing moment He looked down upon me, heart-broken, and said: 'Behold thy son. I am leaving you another child to take My place. Love him and care for him, your "second-born," as you loved and cared for Me.' When He said this, He meant you. He gave St. John to me, but John represented you, all of you, young and old, boys and girls, mothers and fathers. So now you are my child, my very own, my other Jesus.

"Like a mother in child-birth I begot you in great pain. My heart was cleft in two and out of the pangs of spiritual child-birth you were born to me—my child taking Jesus' place—my little child.

"Yes, a little child—even if you are already old. Juan Diego, to whom I appeared, was over fifty years old. Yet, I called him 'my child.' He was a child in heart. That is the way I want you to be—a little child—my little baby. It is my wish to show myself a Mother to you."

Such a relationship is very appealing to the human heart because God made us that way. As it is natural to have a mother and father according to the flesh, so it should be very "natural" to feel close to God as the Father and Mary as the Mother of our supernatural life received in Baptism. As children of Mary we should let our Mother pour out the love of her heart on us just as a mother does to her babe. Love that is refused hurts. Picture the young man proposing to the one he loves most in life. How hurt he is when his love is rejected! Mary often experiences that.

A real love implies trust on the part of the child. We all have problems. Johnny is worried about exams; Mary is sick; Jack is concerned about the right girl for him; mother is sorrowing over a straying member of her family; Dad is troubled about making ends meet. Whatever the problem, we ought to go to our Mother like the child who has cut his finger, or who is scared by the barking dog. A mother loves to help and be needed . . . If we go to her in this spirit, if we love and trust her as she wants, we cannot be disappointed, because she says to us: "It is my wish to show myself a Mother to you."

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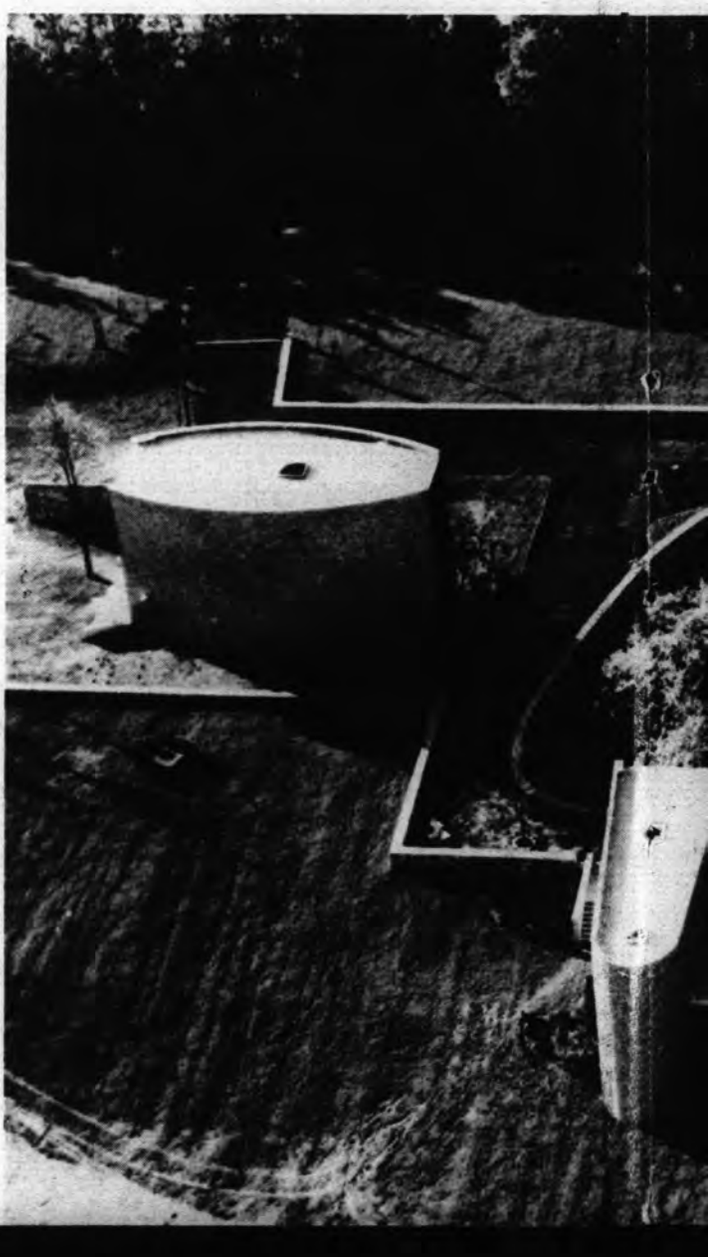

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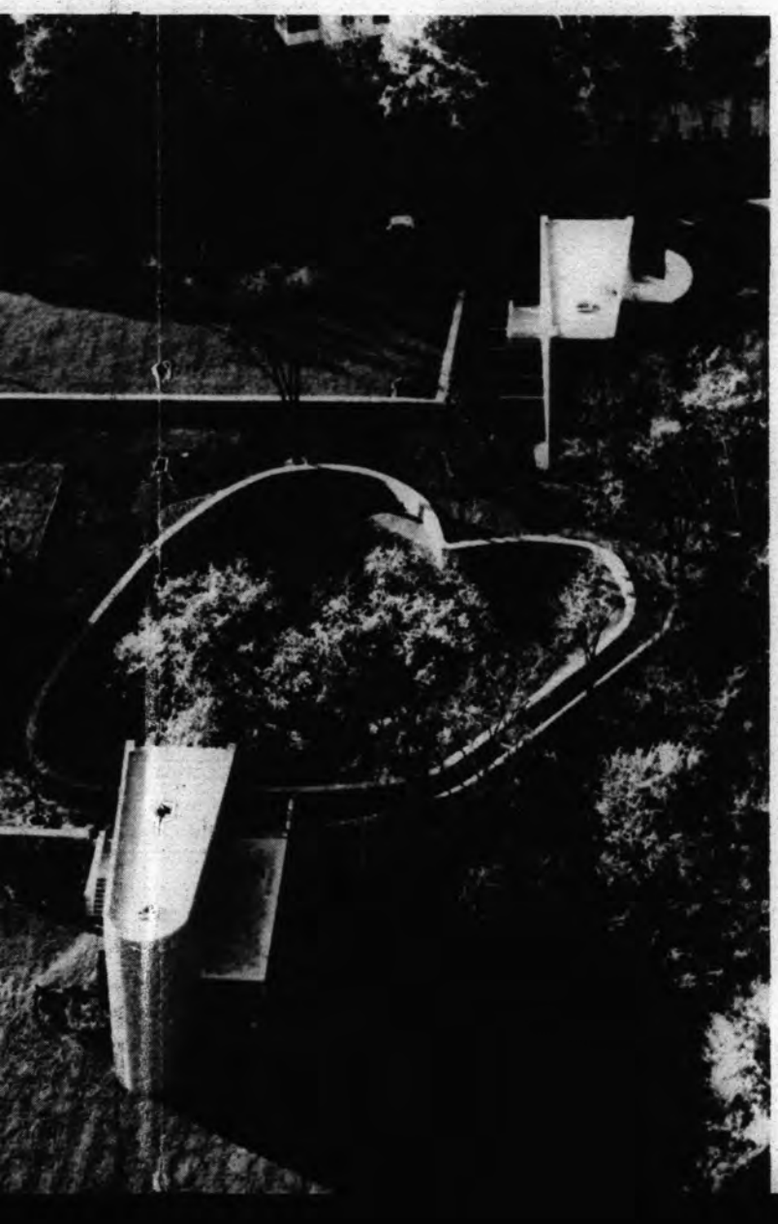

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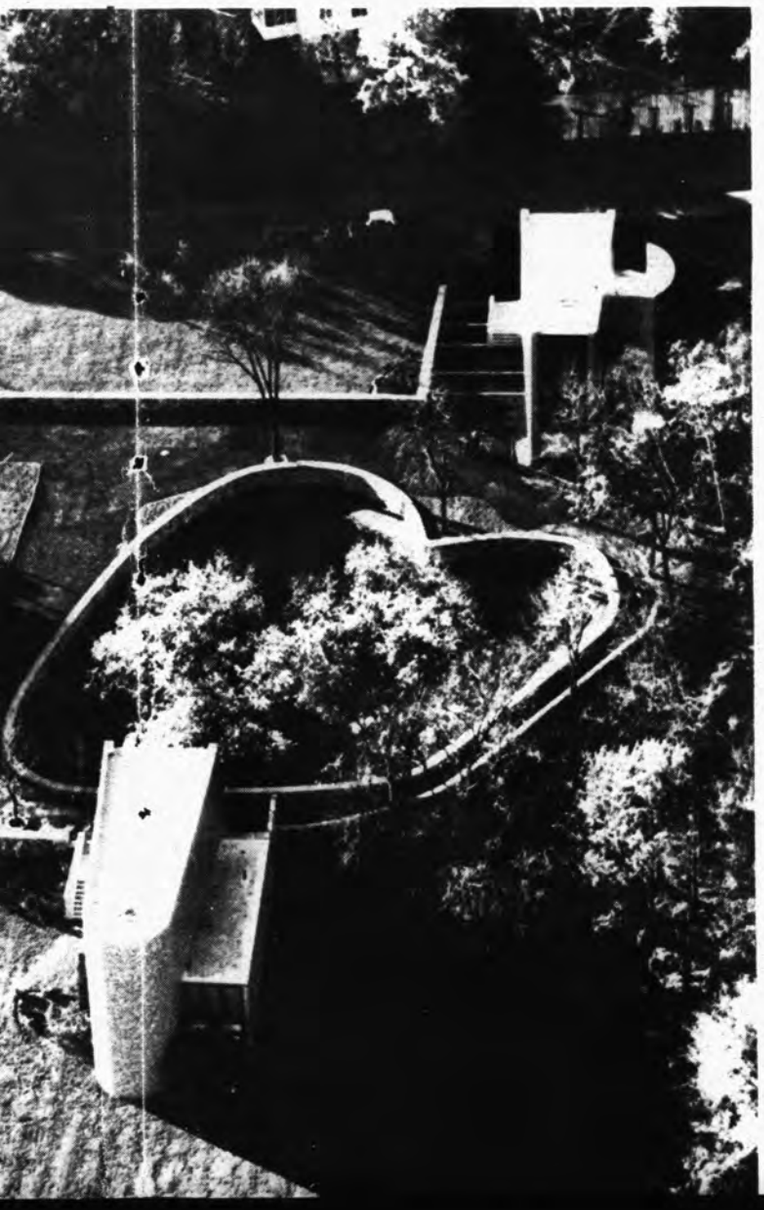

Catholics Among Officials Chosen in Congo Elections

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

LEOPOLDVILLE, Belgian Congo– Several Catholic Congolese have been chosen for high elective posts in the first municipal elections held in the Belgian Congo.

Five of the eight presidents selected by the Congolese communes of this capital city were educated in Catholic schools. The elections, held at the end of 1957, were the first step toward giving local self-government to the residents of the Congo.

The Belgian government authorized elections in the Congo's three largest cities of Leopoldville, Elisabethville and Jadotville. The franchise was granted to all males over the age of 25, excluding members of the police force, the Congo army and the Belgian armed forces.

In the city of Leopoldville 50,958 persons — about 20 per cent of the population—registered, and 43,180, or 85 per cent, cast ballots in the election.

The city was divided into 11 communes, each with a separate legal existence. Eight of these constituted African areas, two were white areas, and one a mixed area.

These communes, in turn, were subdivided into 199 election districts —170 native and 29 white and mixed. Conselors were elected from each district to participate in a communal council or assembly.

At their first meeting these communal assemblies elected presidents. Among these 11 presidents were the following:

Arthur Pinzi, educated in Christian Brother's schools, has traveled extensively in Africa and Europe and is a member of a consultative Council of the government of the Belgian Congo.

—Joseph Kasavubu, president of Abako, a large political organization that backed most of the victorious candidates, received his education in the minor and major seminary.

—Gaston Diomi studied at Jesuit schools in Kisantu and is a member of the Consultative Council of the Belgian Congo.

—A. Kinkela, vice president of the Abako organization, was educated by the Christian Brothers.

—Oscar Ngoma, co-editor of Presences Congolaises, a French-language weekly, completed three years of philosophy and a year of theology in the major seminary.

All five are married and have large families, the smallest with four children.

African districts had a higher percentage of voters, with 85 per cent, than did the 29 white and one mixed districts, with 77 per cent. The Bandalungwa commune, entirely African, led all communes in getting out the vote, with a total of 88 per cent.

The new communal assemblies are not merely consultative, but have the right of decision in all matters within their district.

Belgian officials have said that if the communal assemblies function as smoothly as did the voting, the new experiment will have attained its threefold objective: administrative decentralization, political education of the population, and integration of the white population with the various African groups.

God's Masterpiece

By Eleanor MacGillivray

Amid the greed, and lust and strife
That mar our paths today,
There is a better way of life
Where holy men hold sway.

So unobtrusively they tread
The way their Savior trod;
They give to starving souls the bread
That has come down from God.

O holy men of Christ's own Church,
Who sacrifice and pray,
Amidst the gloom you hold the torch
To light us on our way.

No leprous isles nor waste of seas,
Nor trackless desert sand
Can daunt intrepid souls like these
Who in His image stand.

For Men of Good Will . . .

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what is hoped for from white men is no less earnestly desired from the members of the races of deeper pigmentation. May no one judge by skin, nor by status in life, nor by honors nor by riches; may all judge all others by those realities which make men regal, viz. creation by God in His own image and likeness, and redemption unto eternal life by the universal Savior.

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Pilgrimage and Congress of Pilgrimage organizers.

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Triduum honoring the Maternity of St. Ann.

Sunday, October 12th:

Solemn closing of the Tercentenary.

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U. S. Negro Priests — 1958

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5. Rev. Philip Allen, Wichita, Kansas, May 31.

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Information concerning other U.S. Negro priests ordained in the first half of 1958 or to be ordained in the second half will be gratefully received by the ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC MESSENGER.

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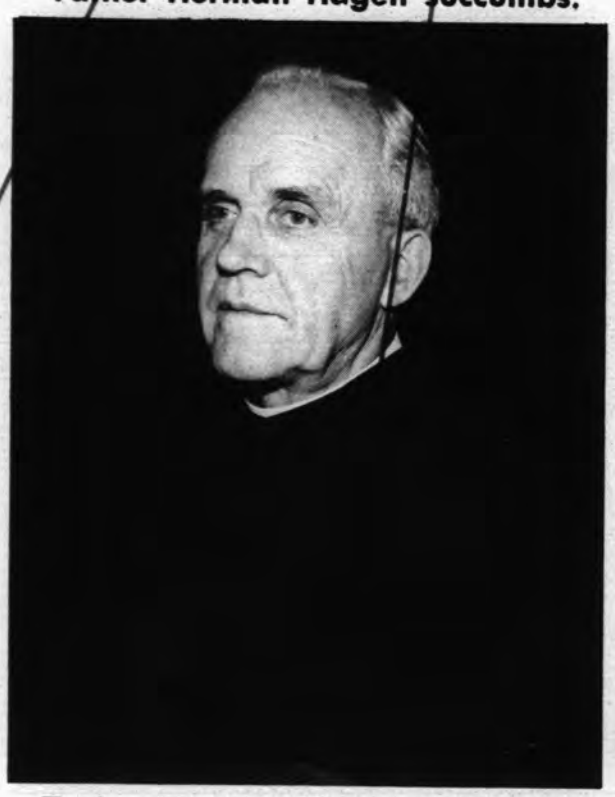

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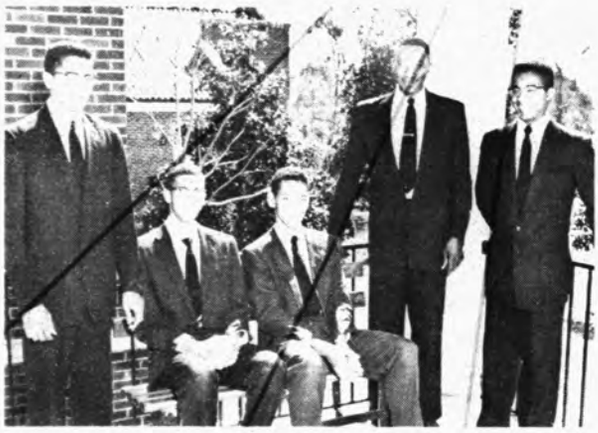

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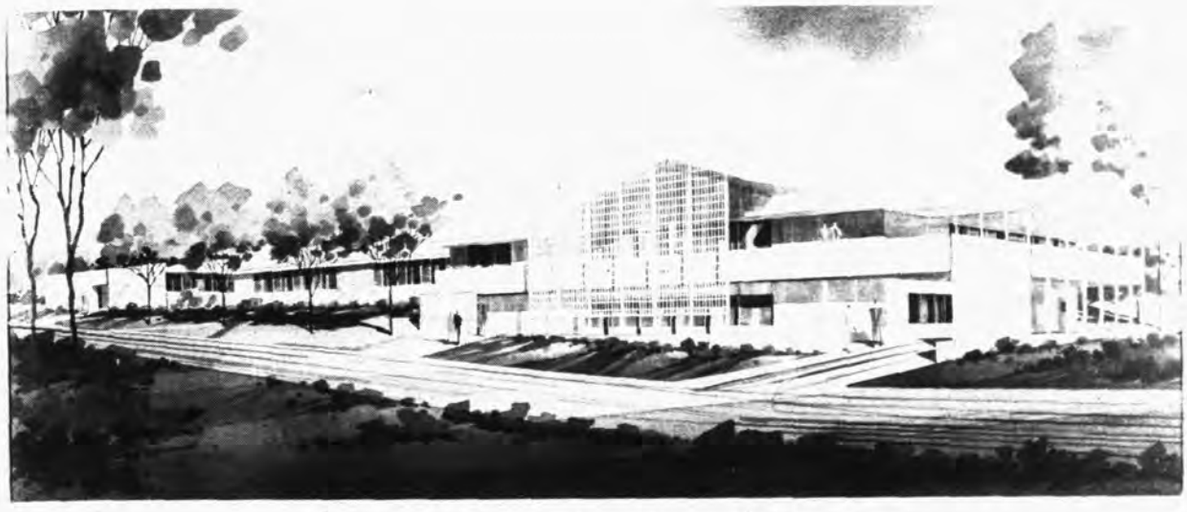

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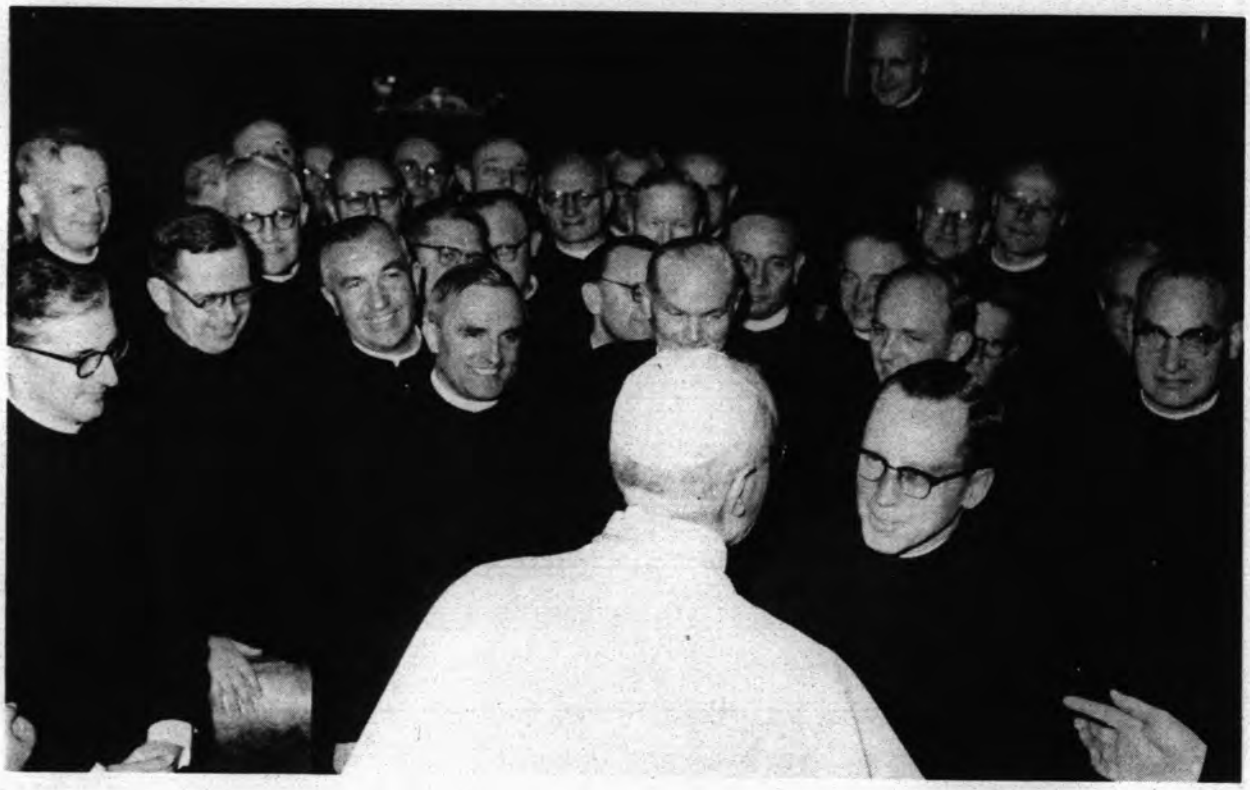

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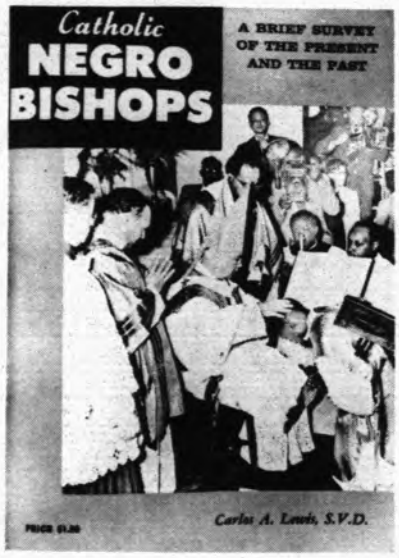

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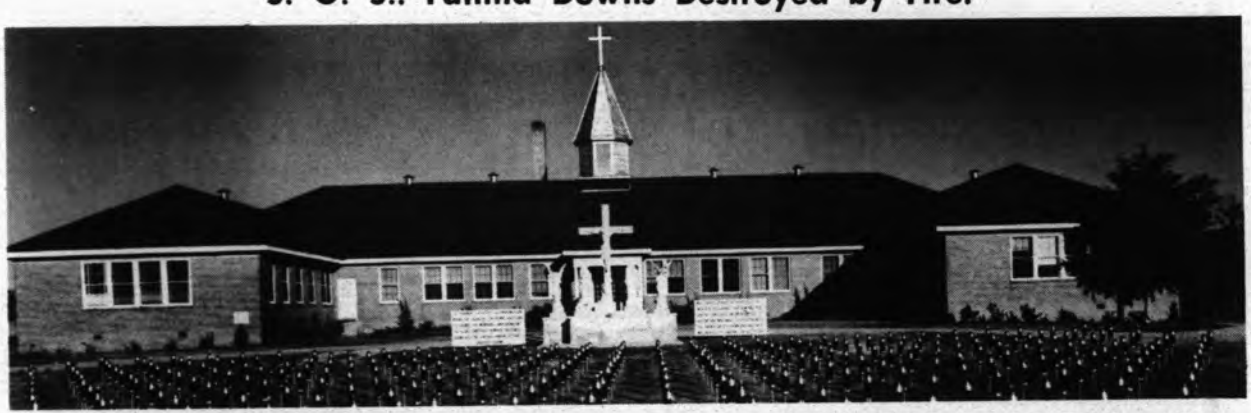

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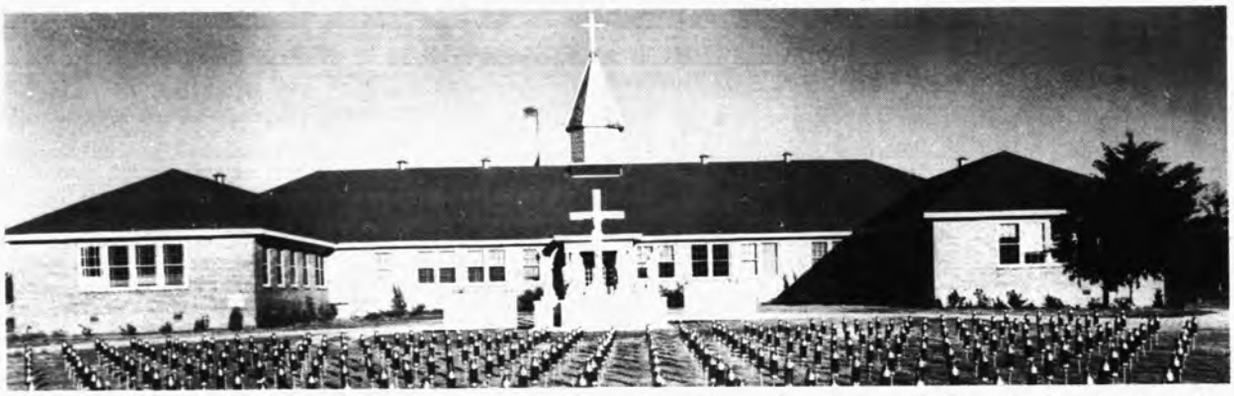

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Boys' and Girls' CORNER

Dear Boys and Girls:

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MY MAIL BAG

Michael Arena

Dear A. Corne,

We just recently subscribed to the CATHOLIC MESSENGER. I was paging through it when I came to the CORNER. I read it and liked it very much. I'm 9 years old and in the fourth grade at Downing School. Actually, I can't go to Catholic School, because there is no room for me in fourth grade. So I have to go to Public School. But, I attend Catechism class every Tuesday. Enclosed is a picture of me. By the way, my hobby is reading. And I like very much to read about Saints. I also received Holy Communion and Confirmation in Catholic school, so I really like to go.

Yours Truly,

Michael Arena
Runnemede, New Jersey

Thanks for the letter and picture, Michael. I hope you get back in Catholic School next year. God bless you.

Dear A. Corne,

My name is Sandra Capparello. I am 13 years old. I have 3 sisters and one brother, and I'm the oldest.

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Yours truly,

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MY MAIL BAG

Michael Arena

Dear A. Corne,

We just recently subscribed to the CATHOLIC MESSENGER. I was paging through it when I came to the CORNER. I read it and liked it very much. I'm 9 years old and in the fourth grade at Downing School. Actually, I can't go to Catholic School, because there is no room for me in fourth grade. So I have to go to Public School. But, I attend Catechism class every Tuesday. Enclosed is a picture of me. By the way, my hobby is reading. And I like very much to read about Saints. I also received Holy Communion and Confirmation in Catholic school, so I really like to go.

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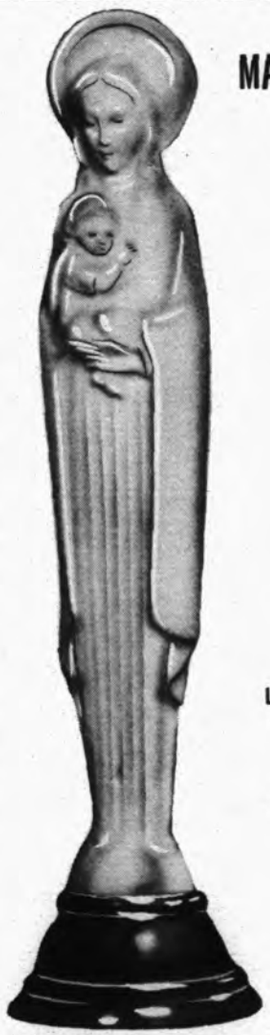

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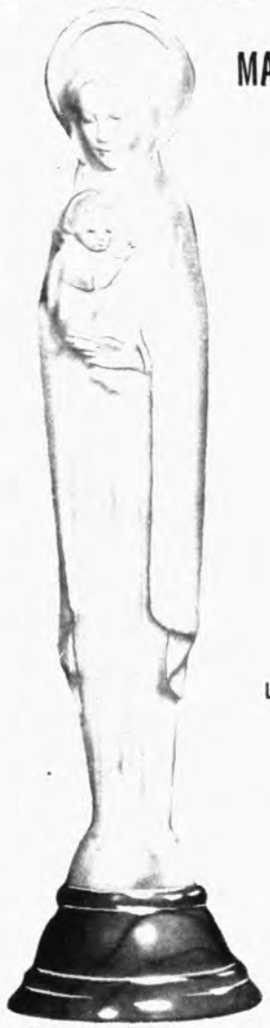

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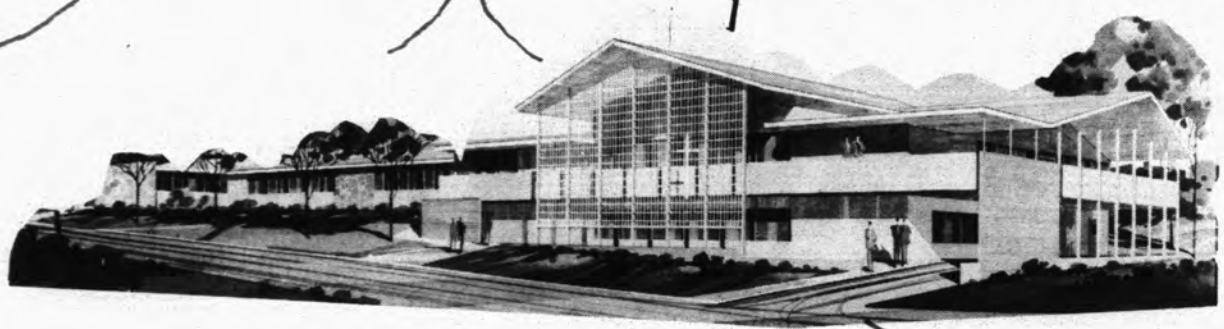

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Prayer for Wandering Shepherds

ETERNAL FATHER, Creator of all things, we reverence Thy continued grace and Presence in the priesthood of Thy Only Begotten Son, now shared by Him with the weakness of our mortal nature. In the weakness which Thou knowest, some of those called to participate in the priesthood of the Eternal High Priest have fallen from the heights to which they were summoned. Do not, we beseech Thee, as Thou didst with the rebellious Angels, cast them forever from Thy sight. Be mindful, rather, of their hearts as they were touched by Thy grace in the beginnings of their priesthood and restore to them by a flood of Thy grace that generosity which they knew in life's morning.

Dear Jesus, Great High Priest of the New Covenant, be mindful of Thy brother priests who have wandered from truth and rightness. They have strayed because they have withdrawn their thoughts from the contemplation of Thee and of Thy Cross. As by Thy Humanity Thou art truly the Brother of all priests, may we implore the Divinity conjoined in Thee to give them every needful impulse to return to the love of Thy Sacred Heart and the service of Thy Spouse which is the Church.

O Holy Spirit of God, Lord and Life Giver, restore to Divine friendship the souls of priests now dead by sin. Thy special mark, indelible through all time and eternity, was sealed upon them on the day of their ordination. However stained and soiled and all but forgotten by them, it remains at once the reason for Thy love and the cause for every fear it they do not die in the holy service of God.

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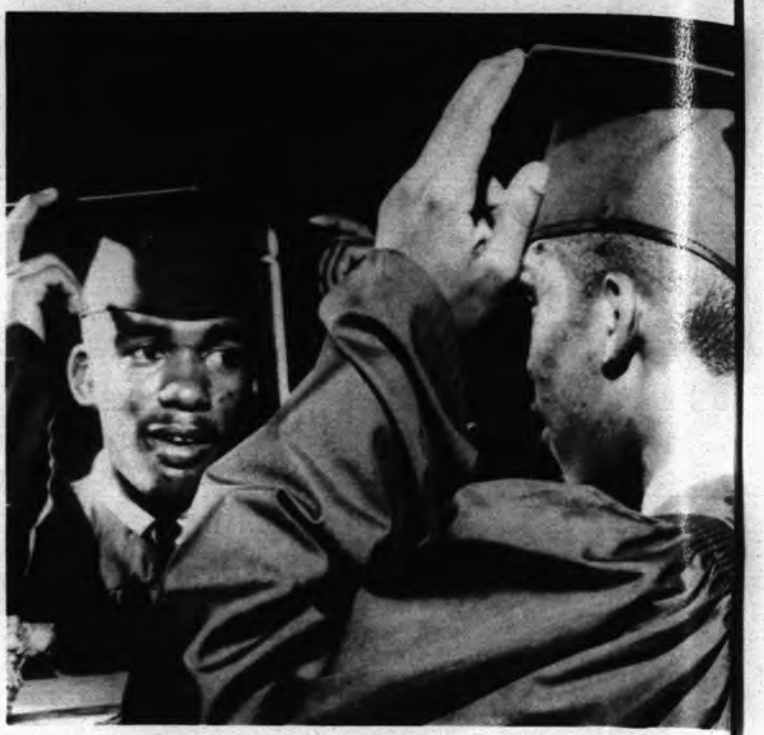

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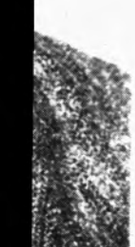

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PROUD LIMA AND HER FIVE HUMBLE SAINTS

RICHARD M. McKEON, S.J.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Father Richard McKeon, S.J., Director of the Institute of Industrial Relations of LeMoyne College, Syracuse, N. Y., visited South America this year. He gives his impressions on Lima, Peru, and her five saints. The September issue of the MESSENGER carries the first installment of these impressions. The October issue will carry the second and concluding installment of Father's impressions. The MESSENGER is deeply grateful to Father McKeon for this contribution.*

Only one citizen of the United States has been canonized and she was born in Italy. Today both New York and Chicago lay claim to St. Frances Cabrini. Our major cities boast of their material wonders. But not one can point to a native son or daughter raised to the fullest honors of the Church. It is true that the village of Auriesville, N. Y., claims the Jesuit martyrs, St. Rene Goupil, St. Isaac Jogues, and St. John Lalande. But these men were of French origin and their years of labor in the Iroquois country were relatively few.

And so on a visit to Lima, Peru, in the summer of 1957 it was indeed a most pleasant surprise to discover that this proud city, once the capital of a great Spanish territory and still the capital of Peru, could boast of five persons officially recognized by the Church for their holiness. Of course I had known about St. Rose of Lima and I have been a client of Blessed Martin de Porres for many years. Now for the first time I became acquainted with St. Toribio, St. Francis Solano and Blessed John Massias.

After my return I studied their lives more thoroughly. It is a delightful duty to sketch briefly some of the main features of the life of each. Certainly the realization that Lima possesses five children of special holiness should awaken our interest and, I trust, a new devotion.

Toribio Alfonso Mogravejo was born in Spain in 1538. He was highly educated and in a short time became professor of law at the University of Salamanca. His excellent reputation attracted the notice of King Philip II and he was appointed Grand Inquisitor. This was not a post to be envied. Then came his astonishing selection for the archbishopric of Peru.

Toribio was a layman. He protested that he lacked the necessary qualifications including holy orders. Overruled by the royal council he submitted to this manifestation of God's will and was ordained priest and bishop. At the age of forty-three he arrived in Peru to begin a career of magnificent apostolic adventure.

As our plane flew over Peru, I could note in comfort its rugged terrain. What, then, must have been the hardships of travel when Toribio set out three times to cover the 18,000 square miles of his diocese? Travel was mostly on foot. There were dangers from the Indians and the beasts of the wilderness. Tropical heat and attendant fevers added to the severe hardships. But the brave bishop never faltered in his quest for souls.

Besides the terrific obstacles encountered in the missions of the jungles and

of forbidding mountains, Toribio had to face the corrupt atmosphere of Spanish colonial life. In Lima there was a motley crew of adventurers seeking for wealth and unlawful pleasure. Frequently the poor natives were enslaved. Exploitation was widespread. The bad example of the Spaniards especially among the civil officials retarded the proper development of the colony and was a source of great scandal to the new Indian converts. In a word, the archbishop faced a sad decay in religion.

In his efforts to reform the situation opposition arose from the persons who were seeking their own profit. The brave archbishop did not hesitate to mention names when occasion warranted it. He stood out as a bold defender of the rights of the Indians.

There are confused records on the number of baptisms and confirmations performed by Toribio but it must have been very great. It is of singular note that he confirmed St. Rose, Blessed Martin and Blessed John Massias. Likewise St. Francis Solano was his much-needed helper in striving to improve the state of religion in Lima. All five died within forty years of one another.

Archbishop Toribio built the first seminary in South America. He was responsible for the erection of many churches, schools, hospitals and he gave encouragement to the building of roads. He said Mass daily and spent many hours of the day in visiting hospitals and administering the sacraments. His works of charity were countless.

Deeply beloved by the people he died in 1606. He was canonized in 1726 and his feast is kept on April 27.

I recall my great joy on the occasion of my visit to the church of Santo Domingo where the remains of St. Rose, Blessed Martin and Blessed John Massias are honored. Yet, when I later read the life of St. Rose, the story of her constant mortifications and sufferings brought tears to my eyes. Only the grace of God can account for the continual martyrdom of her body through many years.

Rose was born in Lima in 1586. She was baptized Isabel but early in infancy was called Rose and so she was later confirmed by the archbishop, St. Toribio. Even as a little child she manifested a deep devotion to God and the Virgin Mother. It is related that the Child Jesus came to play with her. By degrees she increased her austerities. Lest she be tainted with vanity, she cut off her beautiful hair.

When times were hard, she helped her family with needlework and the growing of flowers. Always beautiful, except when her mortifications caused loss of health and color, her parents sought an agreeable suitor among the young men attracted to Rose. But she would only be a bride of Christ. For a time she thought she would enter an Augustinian convent. In the end she dedicated her life by becoming a Dominican tertiary and living at home.

She passed long hours in intimate prayer with God. On her head she wore a crown of silver thorns which caused sharp pain. Her bed was filled with stones and thorns. She limited her restless sleep to a few hours. Knowing how cruelly the Indians had been treated, she offered up her prayers and sufferings for their conversion and welfare.

When she died in 1617 at the age of thirty-one, miracles occurred as the sick and the wretched by thousands filed past her coffin. From then on the people saluted her as St. Rose in anticipation of her beatification which took place in 1667 and of her canonization in 1671. Thus the humble young woman whose life atoned for the rampant sin of Spanish colonial days became the official patroness of South America and the Philippines. Through her intercession may the cause of Christ and His holy church prosper in these still great missionary fields.

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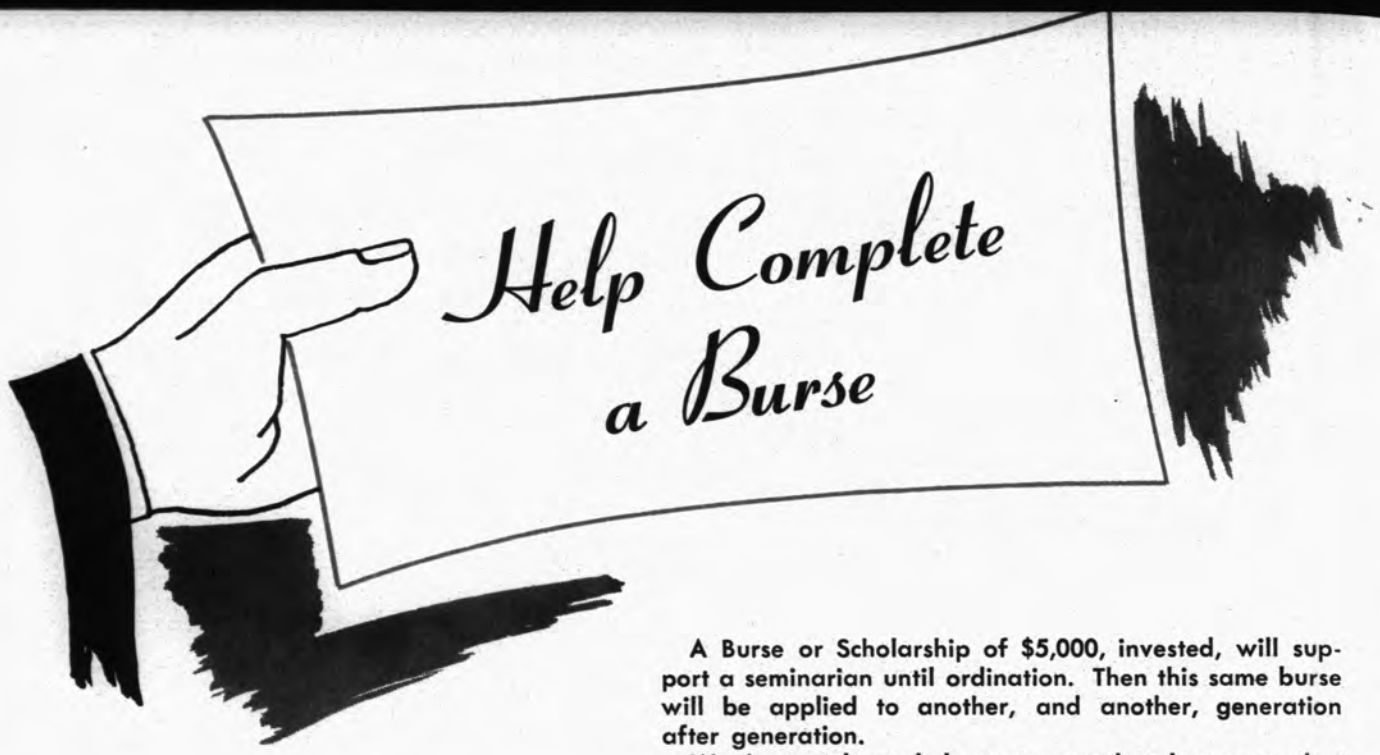

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St. Jude	3.00	1,805.50	3,194.50
Little Flower		1,294.25	3,705.75
Our Lady of Fatima	508.00	1,710.00	3,290.00
Holy Ghost	9.45	1,092.15	3,907.85
St. Mathias		856.50	4,133.50
St. Elizabeth		588.00	4,412.00
St. Madeline Sophie Barat	2.00	483.50	4,516.50
Our Lady of Sorrows		379.76	4,620.24
St. Martha		367.00	4,633.00
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America's Mission Challenge

By Edward C. Kramer, D.D.

(Editor's Note: The Southern Province of the Divine Word Missionaries and St. Augustine's Seminary joins the hosts and hosts of missionaries to the American Negro in offering profound thanks and heartiest congratulations to Father Edward C. Kramer, D.D., Director of the Catholic Board for Mission Work Among the Colored People, as he celebrates his fifty years in the priesthood. Only God knows the extent and results of Father Kramer's work in behalf of the conversion of the Negro and his education in Catholic schools. Again to Father Kramer: "Thanks and 'Ad Multos annos'".)

At our door are the Negroes—millions of them not belonging to the true Church of Jesus. We come in contact with them in our places of business and sometimes, in our homes. There are conversations on different subjects; and, as we well know, whenever and wherever there is conversation, religion is hovering near. Another step, and we have caught up with religion. In fact, religion has a happy faculty of springing up out of the ground at our very feet. Why not take our colored friend by the arm and give him a peek around the corner? Why not ask him to look at our divine Religion? We will, if our faith is a real, live, pulsating faith. We will, if our belief, that Jesus died for all souls and that souls are of infinite worth before God, is something more than a mere assent of the intellect. If God had been satisfied with the knowledge that men's souls are precious and made no move in their behalf our chances of salvation would be nil. If the Apostles and the missionaries to our forefathers—a St. Austin, St. Patrick, St. Boniface, SS. Cyril and Methodius—had gloried in their heritage, and done no more, we would not be Catholics.

The harvest is ripe. How little it sometimes takes to win the hearts of Negroes! Will we do that little? Do you say that you would like to convert Africa, and you will not speak the word that will convert the African at home! Do you give alms to carry the Glad Tidings to India, China and Japan, and you will not give utterance to the word which carries the same Heavenly message to your colored American neighbors? Of course, God knows that our faith is not a travesty. But to one, who cannot read our hearts, as God does, and make allowance for illogicalness, it must at times appear as most unreal.

We do not like comparisons, especially such as tend in any way to diminish in the hearts of Catholics love for missions in any section of the world, or to divert their attention from foreign missions, even though the purpose is to direct the same to home missions. In the heart of a Catholic there ought to be room for both home and foreign missions. We pray that our hearts may be modeled after the Sacred Heart of the Savior; His Heart embraces all men of the ages, of all climes, of all races. Errors are always found in extremes. We have been told more than once: "I do not believe in sending aid to China when we have so many needs right here at home;" and, again, we have been refused aid for the Negro Missions with the words: "I have nothing for home missions. I give everything to foreign missions." Does one class seek to please

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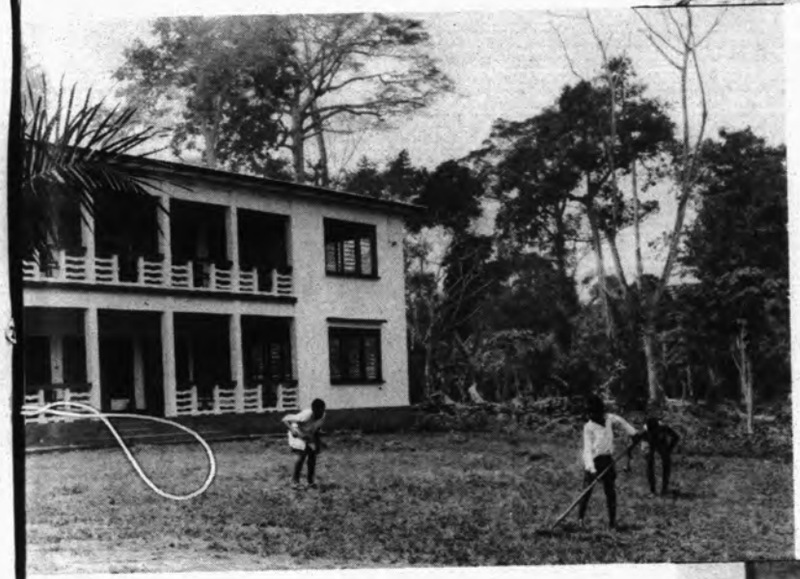

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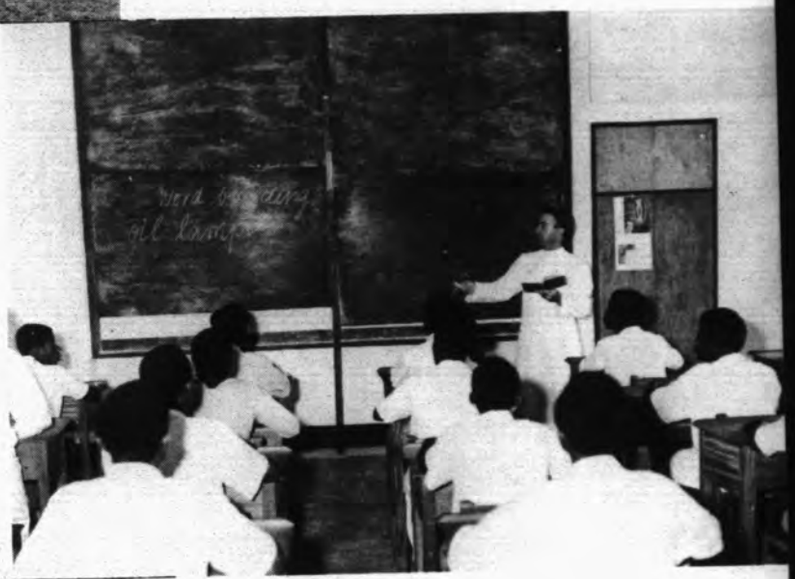

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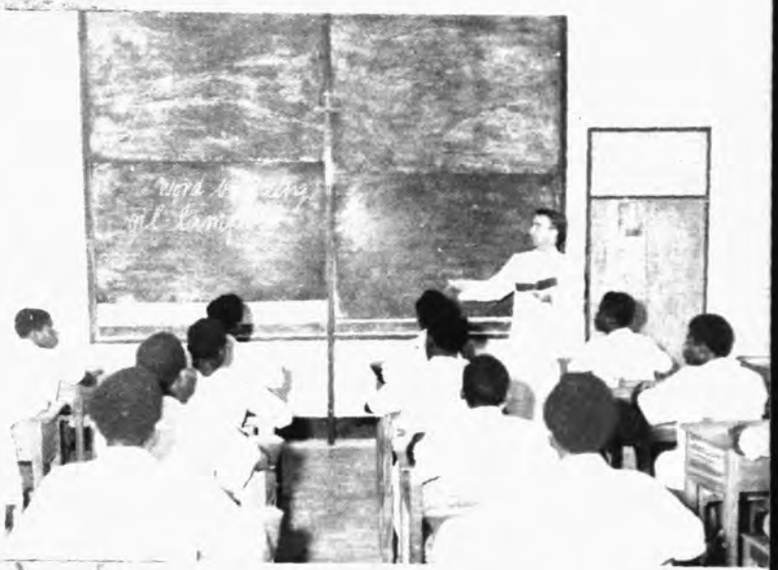

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NEW PROVINCIAL

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He has served in a number of varied positions. First he was assistant prefect, then prefect of the minor seminarians of the Divine Word Seminary, Island Creek, Mass. Next he was Treasurer of the Seminary and a member of the Mission Band, which conducted Parish Missions.

After having ably performed the duties of first Mission Procurator of the newly created (1940) Eastern Province, he became Rector of the Seminary at Bordentown, N. J., in 1946. Then in 1948 he was appointed Provincial and administered energetically and capably the affairs of the Eastern Province for two three-year terms.

Since 1955 his most recent assignment has been Rector of the Seminary at "Miramar" Island Creek, Mass. So it is as an experienced and well-qualified administrator that Father Hunter steps into his post as Provincial of the vast Southern Province which includes the bottom half of the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific, with two Mission Seminaries, and some forty mission parishes.

Very Reverend Robert Pung, S.V.D., formerly Provincial of the Southern Province, was recently elected at the General Chapter of the Society, to a twelve year term of office as Consultor General at the world headquarters of the Society of the Divine Word in Rome. One of four Consultors to the Superior General of this World-wide

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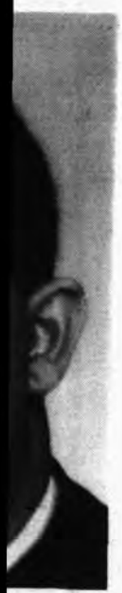

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He has served in a number of varied positions. First he was assistant prefect, then prefect of the minor seminarians of the Divine Word Seminary, Island Creek, Mass. Next he was Treasurer of the Seminary and a member of the Mission Band, which conducted Parish Missions.

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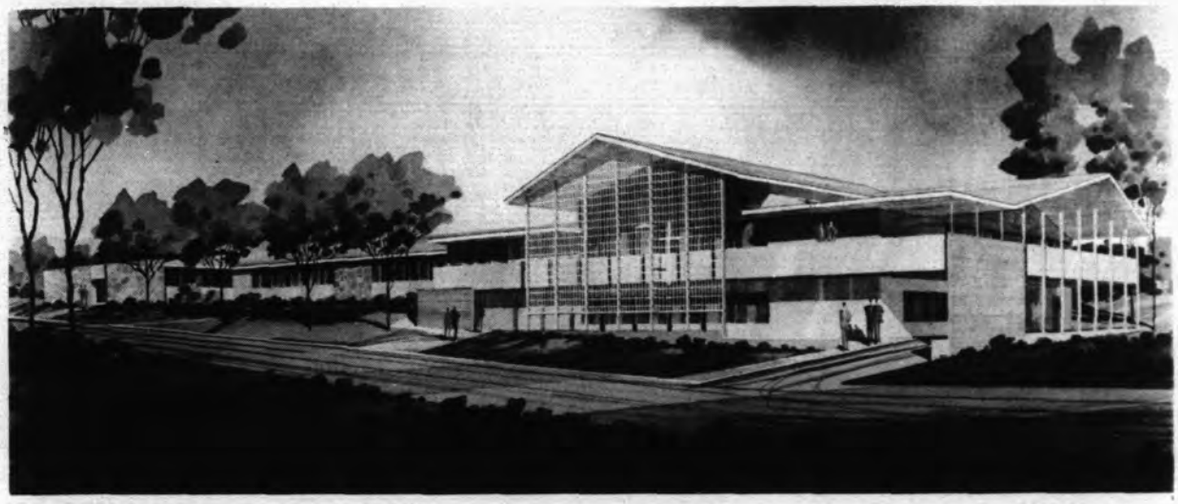

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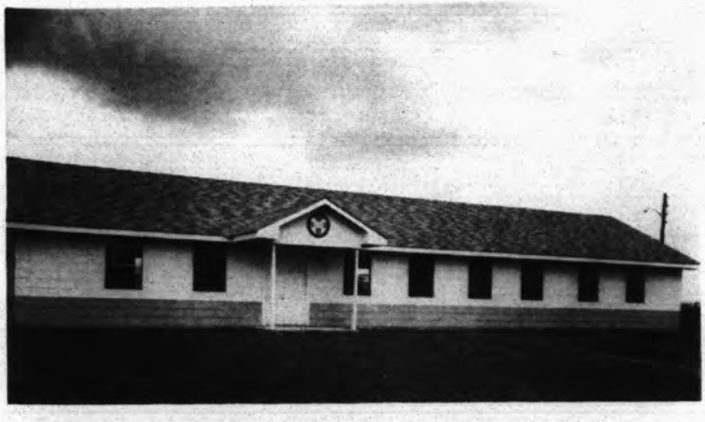

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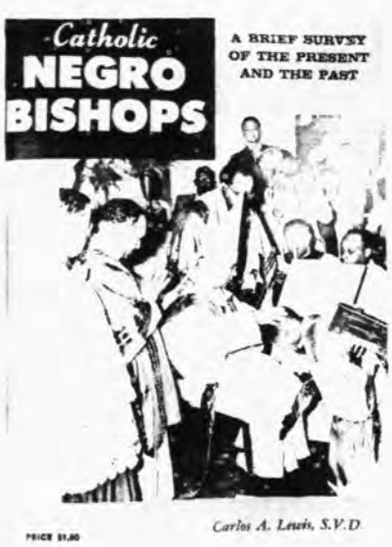

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Boys' and Girls' CORNER

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FATHER SMILEY'S EGGS

Father I. M. Smiley leaned back in his chair after finishing the first catechism lesson of the school year for the Sixth Grade. There was a sly smile on his kindly face. Eyeing the expectant youngsters, he said: "Well, boys and girls, here's something for you to figure out: DURING THE SUMMER I TOOK TWELVE ALTAR BOYS ON A PICNIC. I HAD TWELVE HARD BOILED EGGS IN A BOX. EACH BOY TOOK ONE EGG AND YET THERE WAS STILL ONE EGG IN THE BOX. HOW WAS THAT?" As he stood up to leave the room, he said: "If any of you figure that out before next Christmas, let me know!"

Boys and Girls, you can imagine the hubbub in that classroom after Father Smiley left. All the children started figuring out the answer to his puzzle. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ANSWER IS? If you figure it out, write in and tell me. Then check with the answer that will be in the November MESSENGER.

A. CORNE'S MAIL BAG

Dear A. Corne,

I am enclosing a poem composed by myself for your BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER. I am in the Fifth Grade, 11 years old, and enjoy education at St. Mary School. This is the first poem I have written. My teacher liked it and gave it back to me to send to you. I would like very much to have it published. Yours respectfully,

Patrick Riley, 11
Springfield, Ohio

THE HANDS OF THE PRIEST
Oh hands that have been anointed
To help God in every way
To handle the Host and the sacred oils
At Holy Mass every day.
To offer our sacrifices to God
In a holy and fitting way
The chalice is offered up to God
At Holy Mass every day.
The priest's hands are busy hands
Working constantly
But they are ever faithful
Despite their frailty.

by Patrick Riley

A beautiful poem, Patrick! I hope God gives you the grace to write many more.

Nancy Carol Barnes

Dear A. Corne,

My name is Nancy Carol Barnes. I am 10 years old. I am in the fifth grade going into 6th. My teacher's name is Mrs. Robinson. I go to Camden grade school. I hope to go to a Catholic School. I hope to write my Autobiography soon if I can remember what I have done in my 10 years. I have a poem I had made up. I give them to a lady. I haven't given her these yet.

CLOUDS
As I look up in the sky,
I see the floating clouds go by.
Some look bright,
Some look near,
Some look far,
Some look like a candy bar.

Nancy Barnes, 10
Camden, Missouri

Nancy, your poem is very nice. Try to write some more. I am still waiting for that Autobiography.

Dear A. Corne,

This is the first time I have written a letter to someone that I didn't know. I might write a Autobiography. I like the children's CORNER very much. I hope you have more contests. I like pretty holy pictures. Sometimes when they pass out things with Jesus or Mary or Saints or Angels, I cut them out and keep them. Here is a poem I made up.

Jesus sweet, I hope I give you
A good greeting when you come
Into my heart on Sunday morning
In Holy Communion.

Frances Kochanski
Cliffside Park, New Jersey

Holy Pictures are fine things to collect, Frances. I cut them out, too. Hurry with that Autobiography.

Dear A. Corne,

Karen Flowers

This is my first letter since we subscribed to the Catholic MESSENGER. My hobby is collecting glass. It may seem silly but it is fun. I am 11 and in the sixth grade. I am sending you a picture of me and I hope you like it. I go to St. Agnes School. I am sending my autobiography soon.

Karen Flowers
Almonesson, New Jersey

Karen, welcome to the CORNER. Keep up your fine hobby; you may be an artist some day. Your picture is nice.

Dear A. Corne,

This is my first letter since we have been getting the MESSENGER. My name is Essie and I am in the fifth grade. But I passed to the sixth. My teacher's name is Sister N. Neolla of St. Francis school. I do not have a hobby. I am not a Catholic but I hope to become one soon. Gratefully yours,

Essie Mae Grady
Yazoo City, Mississippi

I really hope that you do become a Catholic some day, Essie Mae. I know it will make you happy.

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FATHER SMILEY'S EGGS

Father I. M. Smiley leaned back in his chair after finishing the first catechism lesson of the school year for the Sixth Grade. There was a sly smile on his kindly face. Eyeing the expectant youngsters, he said: "Well, boys and girls, here's something for you to figure out: DURING THE SUMMER I TOOK TWELVE ALTAR BOYS ON A PICNIC. I HAD TWELVE HARD BOILED EGGS IN A BOX. EACH BOY TOOK ONE EGG AND YET THERE WAS STILL ONE EGG IN THE BOX. HOW WAS THAT?" As he stood up to leave the room, he said: "If any of you figure that out before next Christmas, let me know!"

Boys and Girls, you can imagine the hubbub in that classroom after Father Smiley left. All the children started figuring out the answer to his puzzle. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ANSWER IS? If you figure it out, write in and tell me. Then check with the answer that will be in the November MESSENGER.

A. CORNE'S MAIL BAG

Dear A. Corne,

I am enclosing a poem composed by myself for your BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER. I am in the Fifth Grade, 11 years old, and enjoy education at St. Mary School. This is the first poem I have written. My teacher liked it and gave it back to me to send to you. I would like very much to have it published. Yours respectfully,

Patrick Riley, 11
Springfield, Ohio

THE HANDS OF THE PRIEST

Oh hands that have been anointed
To help God in every way
To handle the Host and the sacred oils
At Holy Mass every day.
To offer our sacrifices to God
In a holy and fitting way
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At Holy Mass every day.
The priest's hands are busy hands
Working constantly
But they are ever faithful
Despite their frailty.

by Patrick Riley

A beautiful poem, Patrick! I hope God gives you the grace to write many more.

Dear A. Corne,

Nancy Carol Barnes

My name is Nancy Carol Barnes. I am 10 years old. I am in the fifth grade going into 6th. My teacher's name is Mrs. Robinson. I go to Camden grade school. I hope to go to a Catholic School. I hope to write my Autobiography soon if I can remember what I have done in my 10 years. I have a poem I had made up. I give them to a lady. I haven't given her these yet.

CLOUDS

As I look up in the sky,
I see the floating clouds go by.
Some look bright,
Some look near,
Some look far,
Some look like a candy bar.

Nancy Barnes, 10
Camden, Missouri

Nancy, your poem is very nice. Try to write some more. I am still waiting for that Autobiography.

Dear A. Corne,

This is the first time I have written a letter to someone that I didn't know. I might write a Autobiography. I like the children's CORNER very much. I hope you have more contests. I like pretty holy pictures. Sometimes when they pass out things with Jesus or Mary or Saints or Angels, I cut them out and keep them. Here is a poem I made up.

Jesus sweet, I hope I give you
A good greeting when you come
Into my heart on Sunday morning
In Holy Communion.

Frances Kochanski
Cliffside Park, New Jersey

Holy Pictures are fine things to collect, Frances. I cut them out, too. Hurry with that Autobiography.

Dear A. Corne,

Karen Flowers

This is my first letter since we subscribed to the Catholic MESSENGER. My hobby is collecting glass. It may seem silly but it is fun. I am 11 and in the sixth grade. I am sending you a picture of me and I hope you like it. I go to St. Agnes School. I am sending my autobiography soon.

Karen Flowers
Almonesson, New Jersey

Karen, welcome to the CORNER. Keep up your fine hobby; you may be an artist some day. Your picture is nice.

Dear A. Corne,

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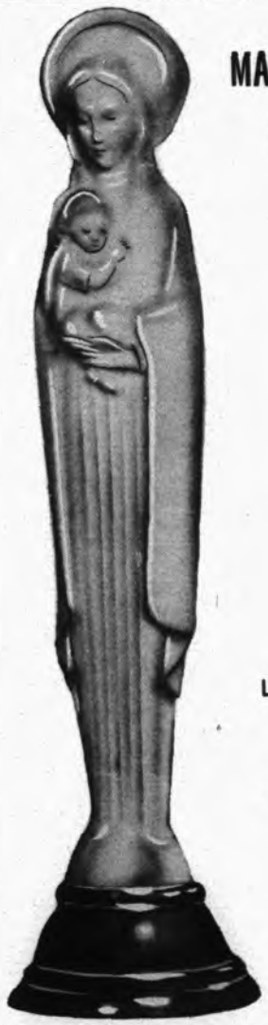

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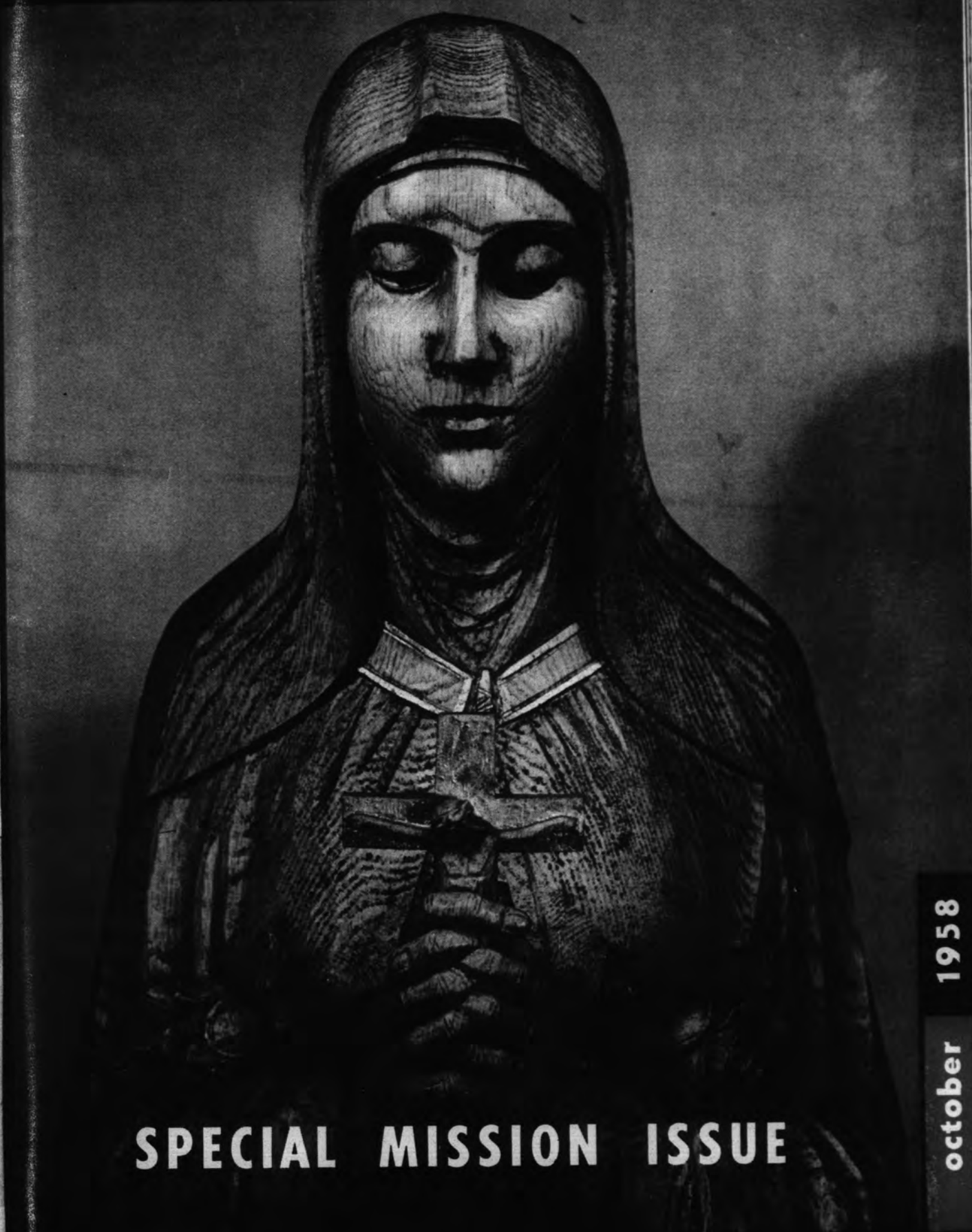

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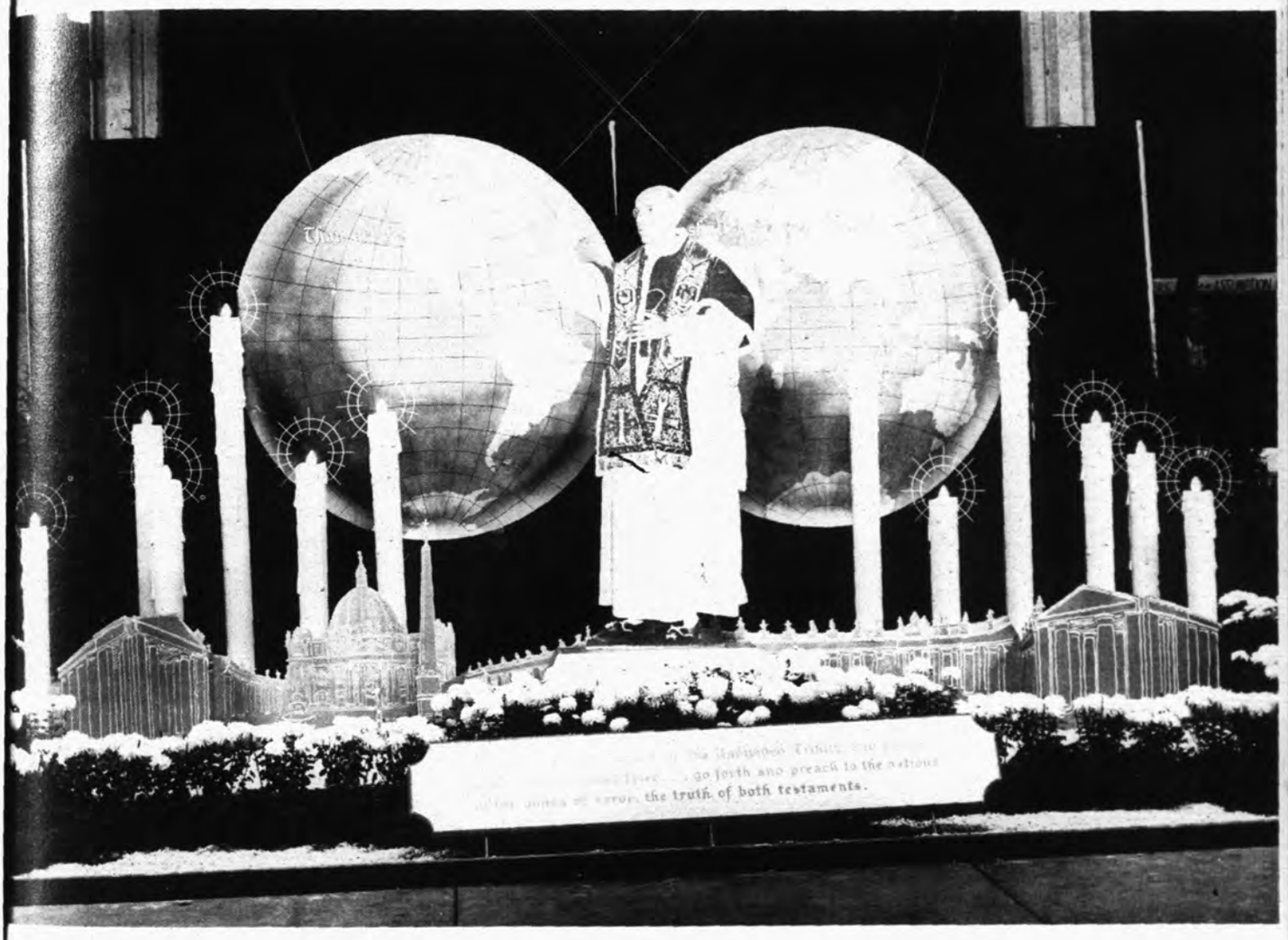

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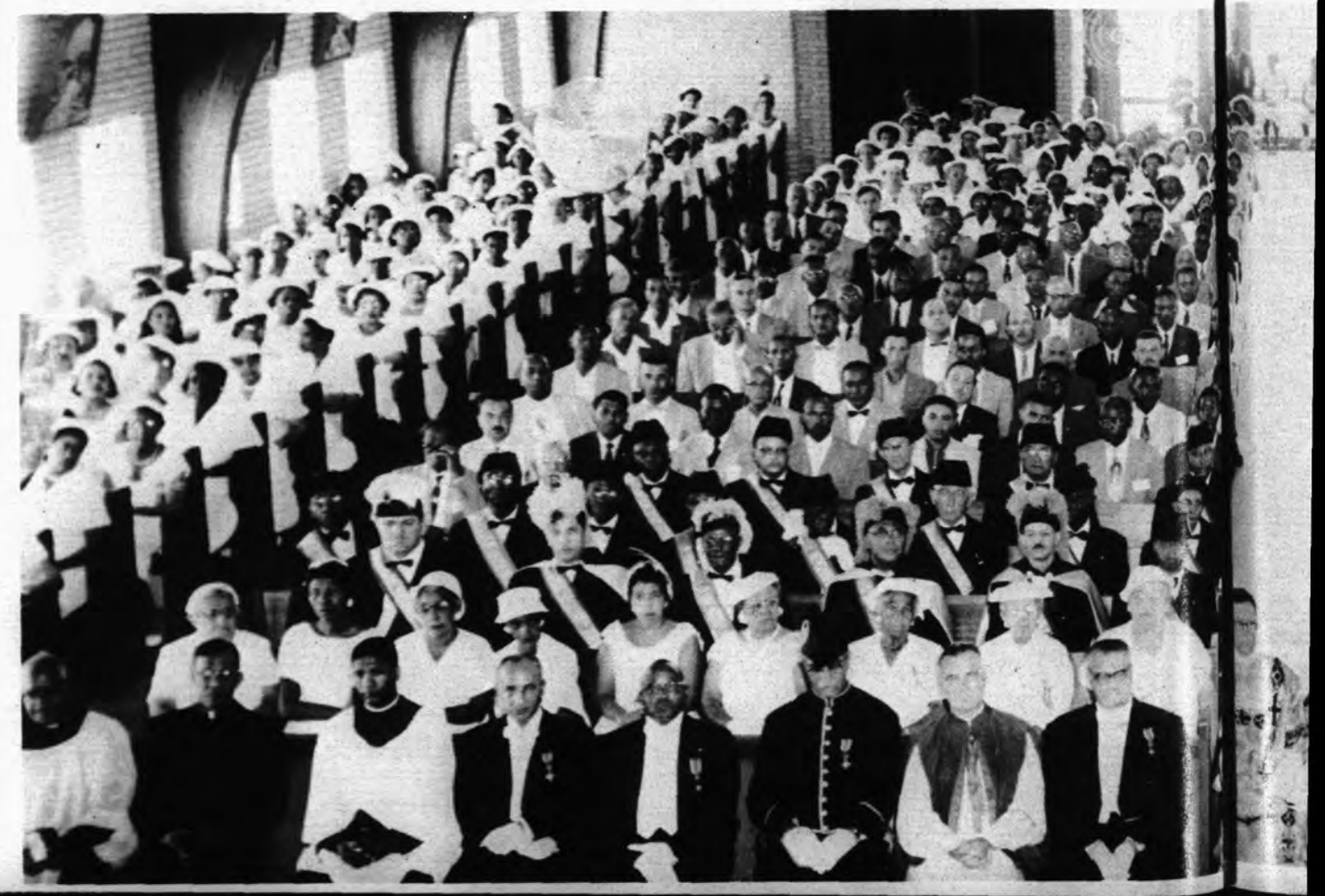

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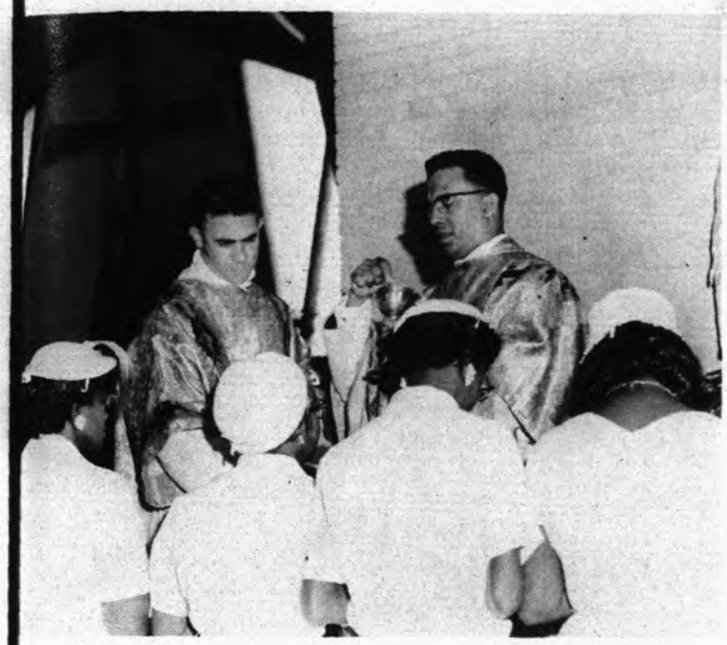

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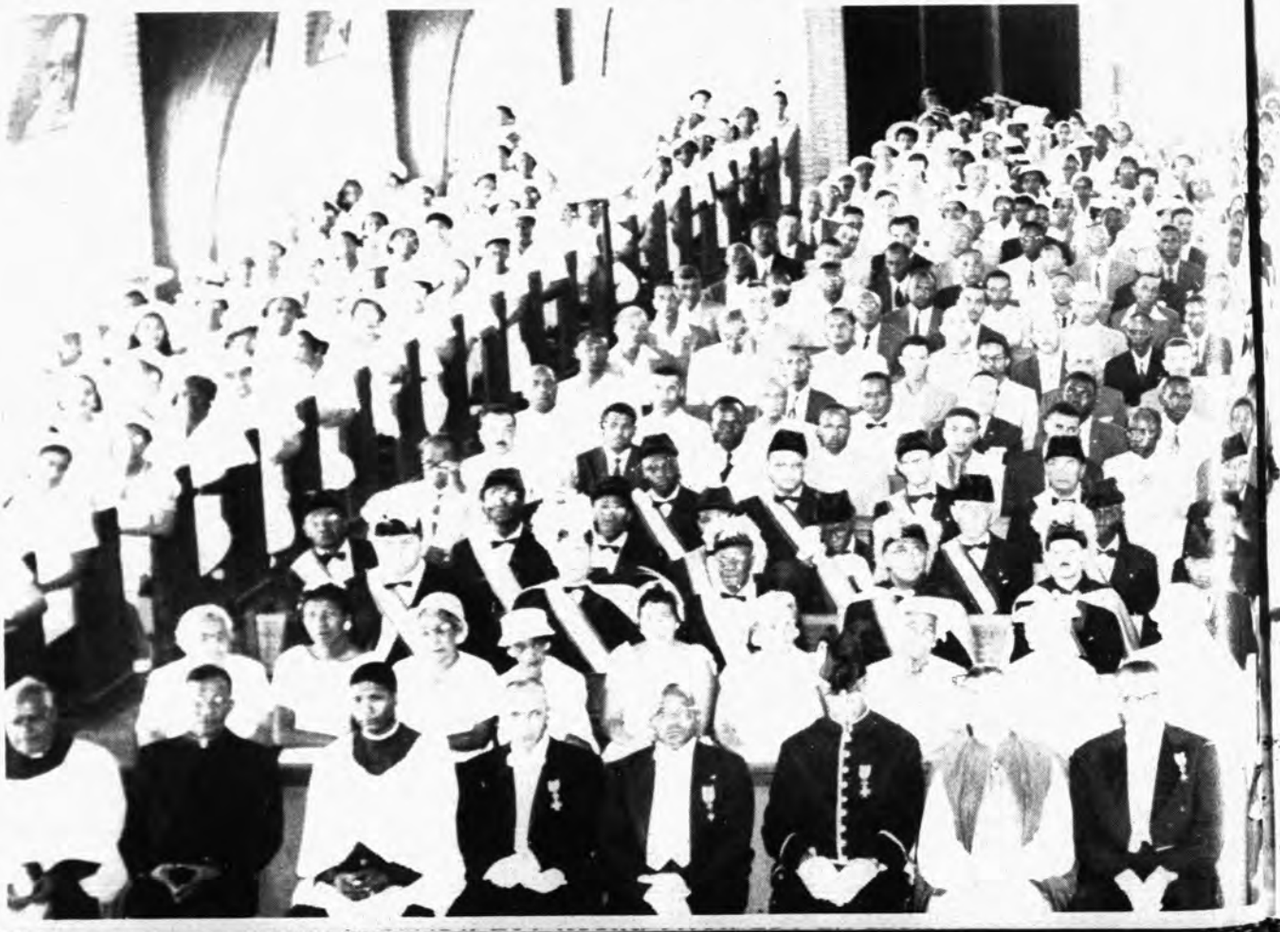

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From this meeting have come many resolutions, notable among which is the following:

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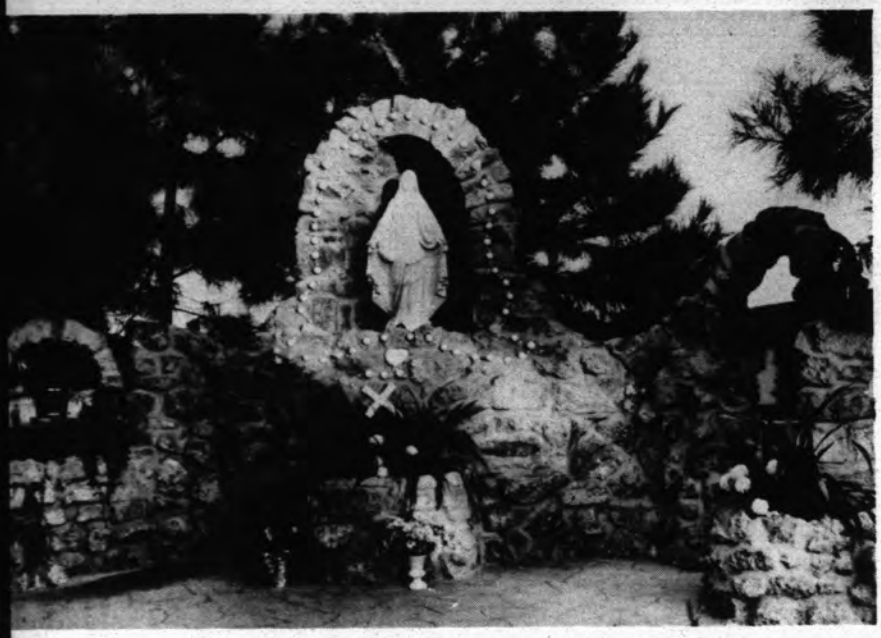

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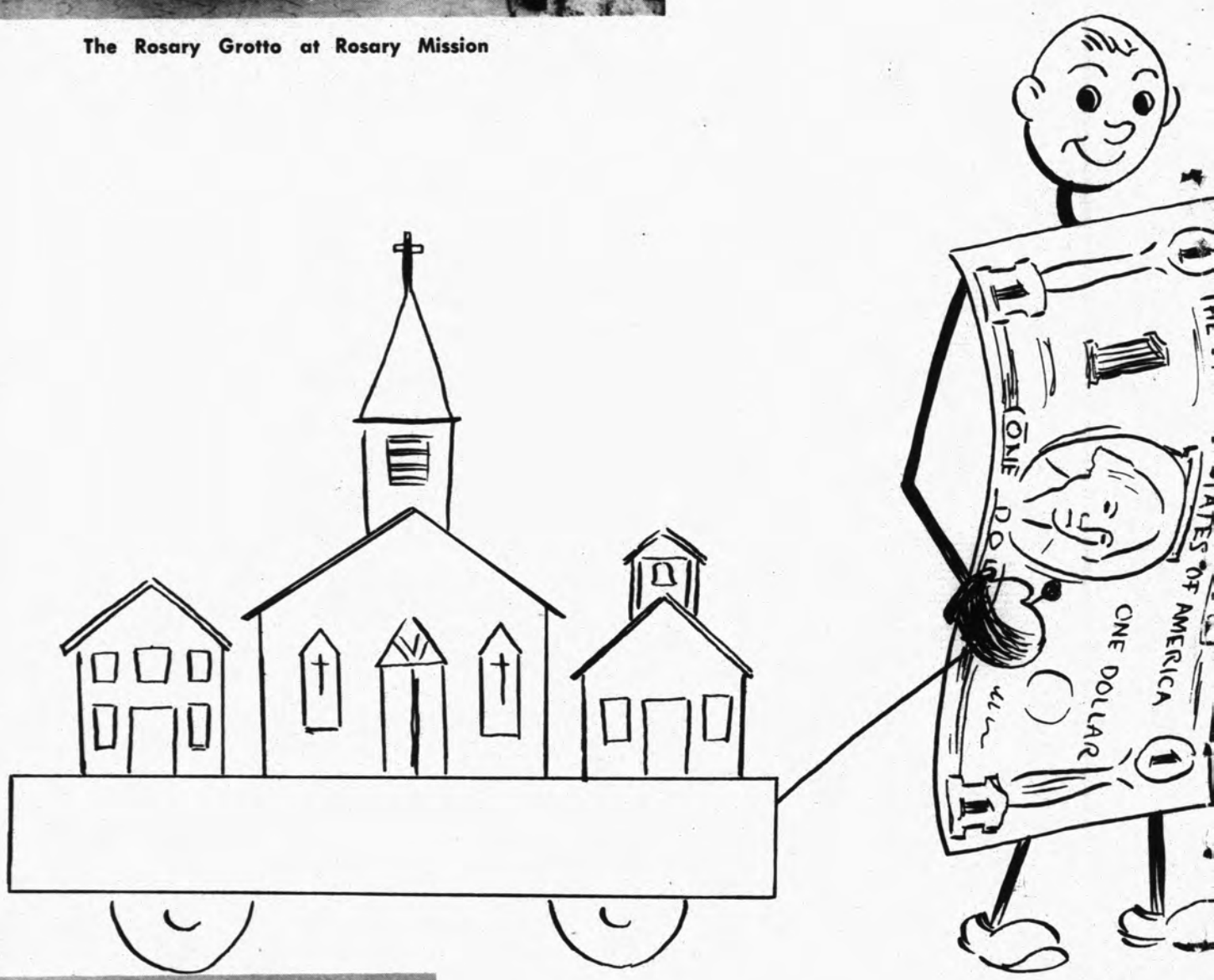

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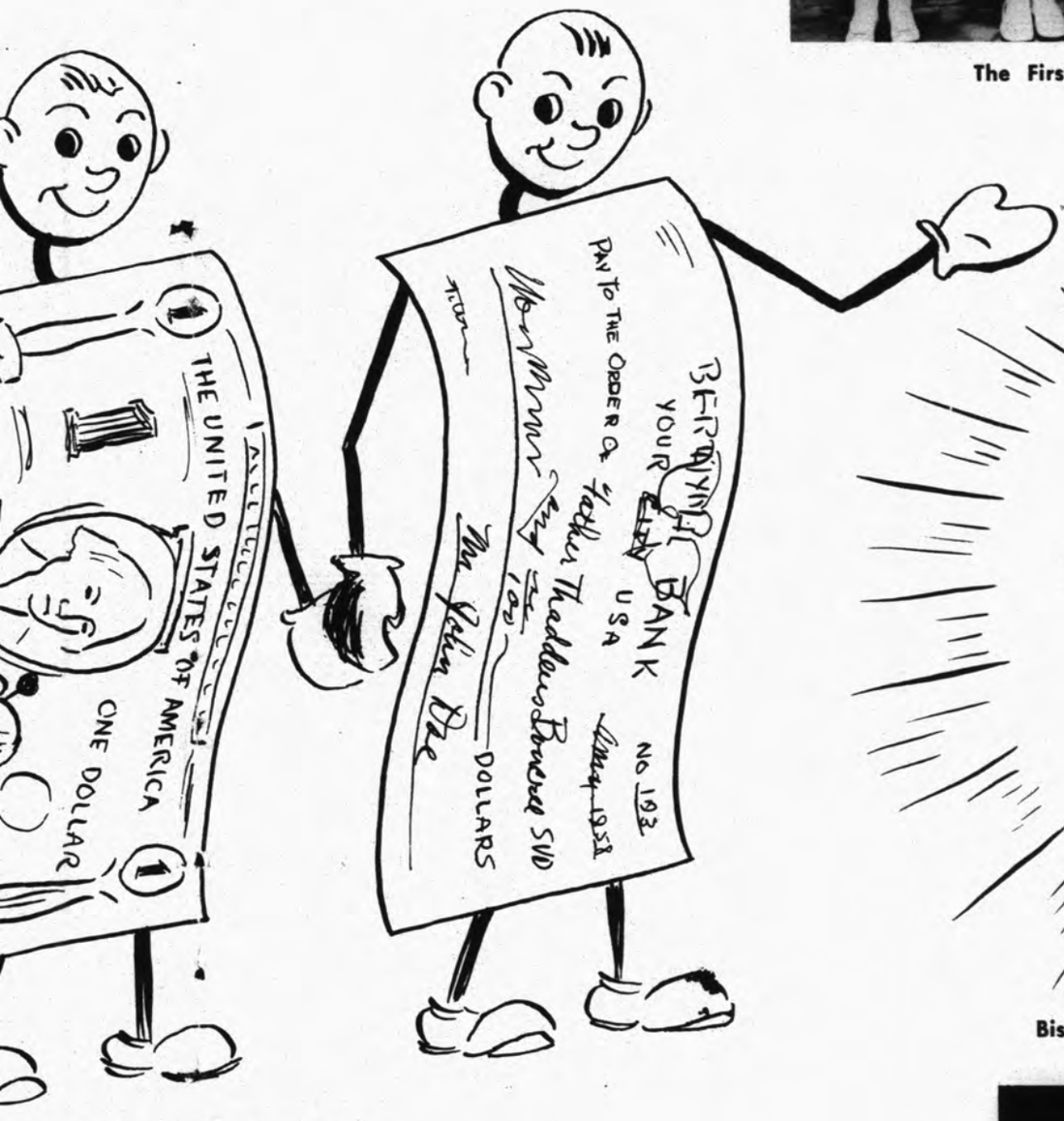

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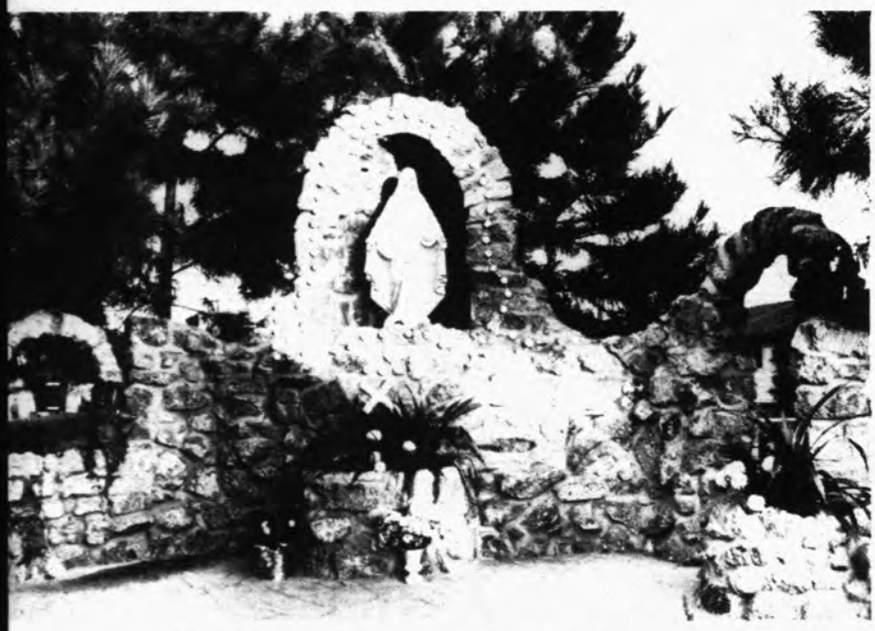

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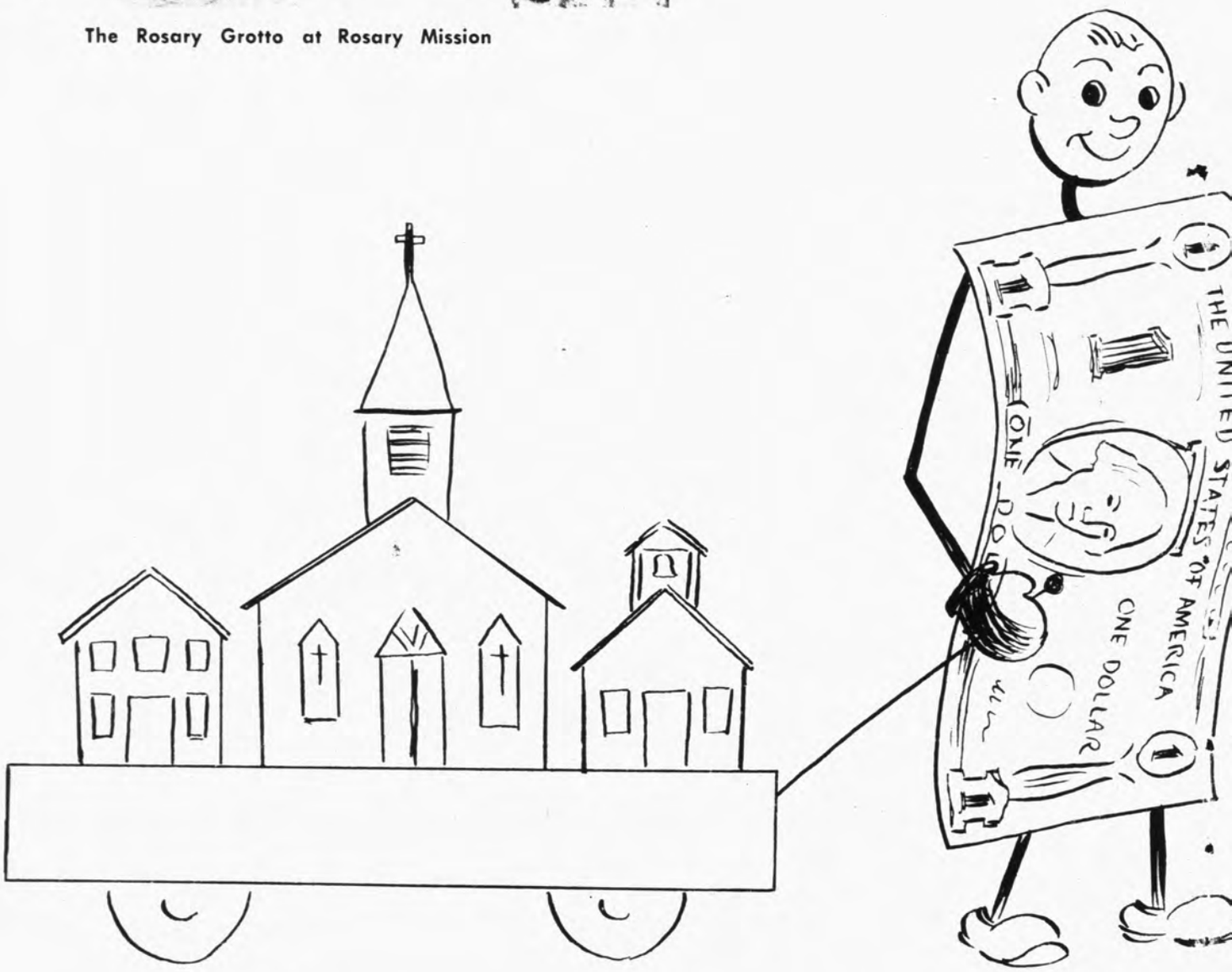

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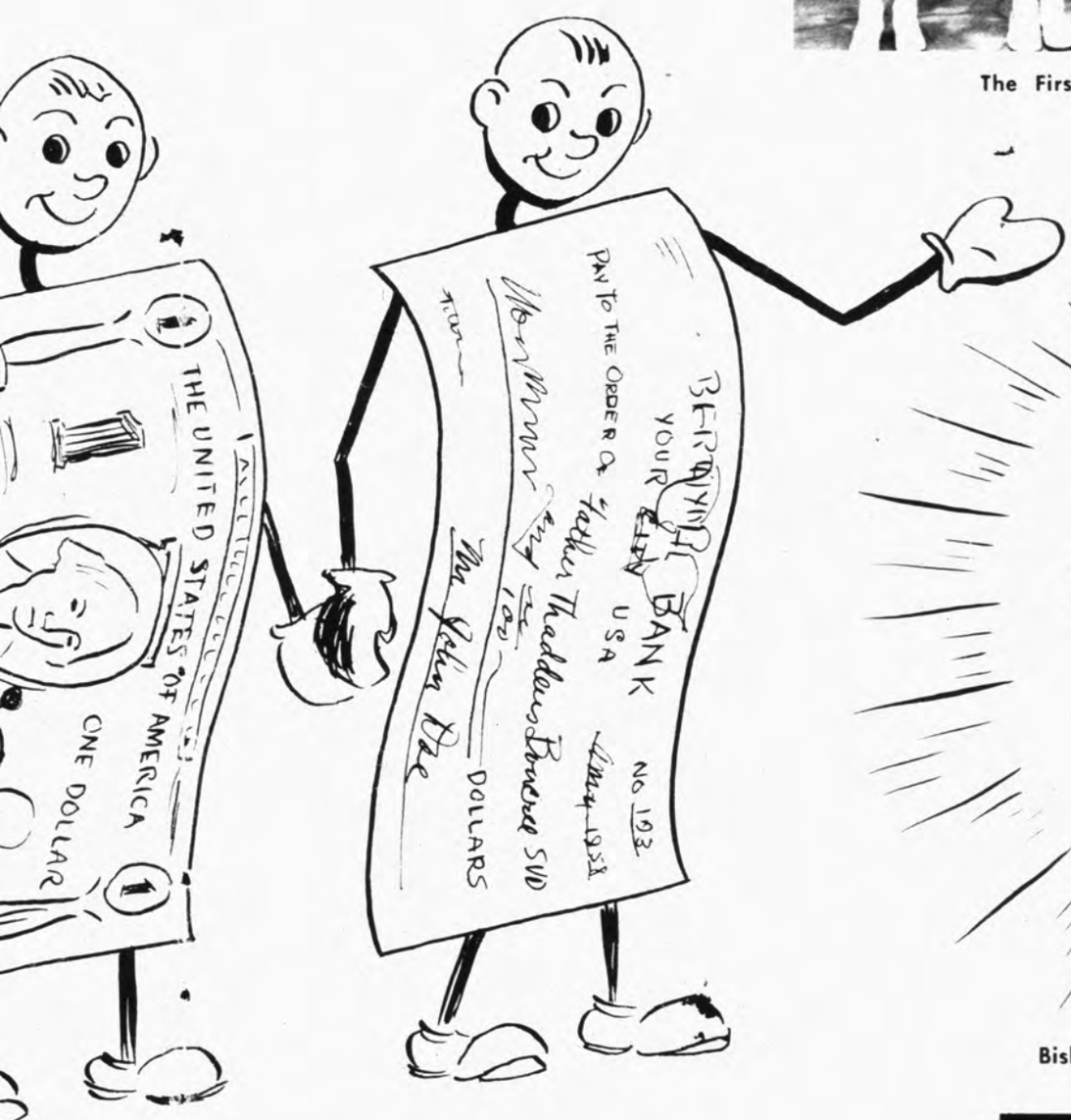

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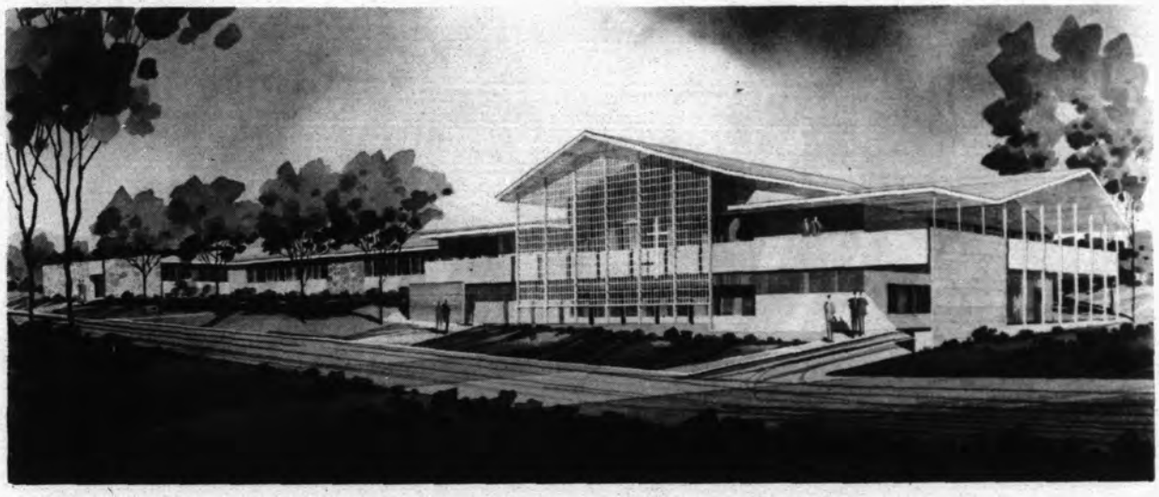

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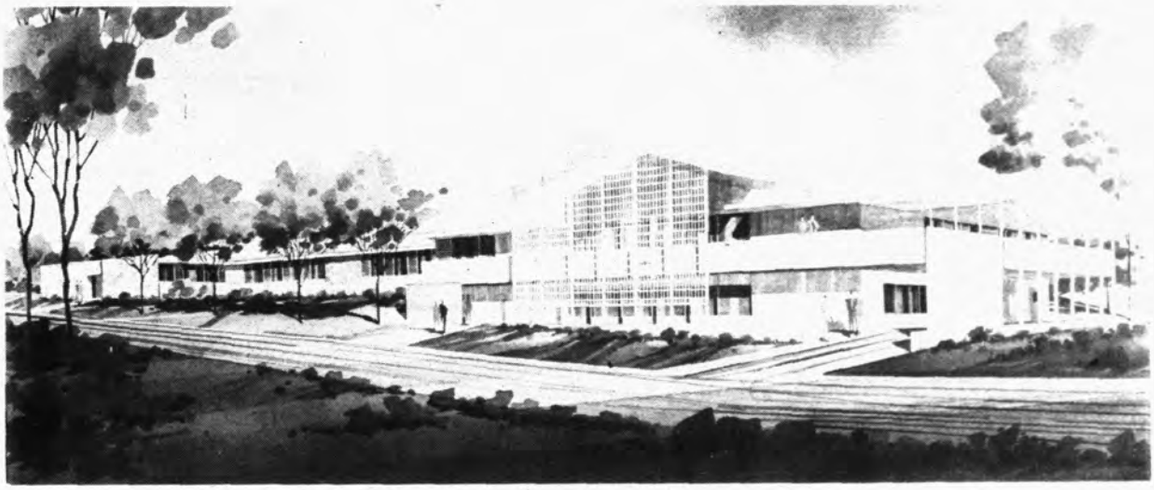

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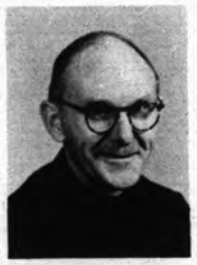

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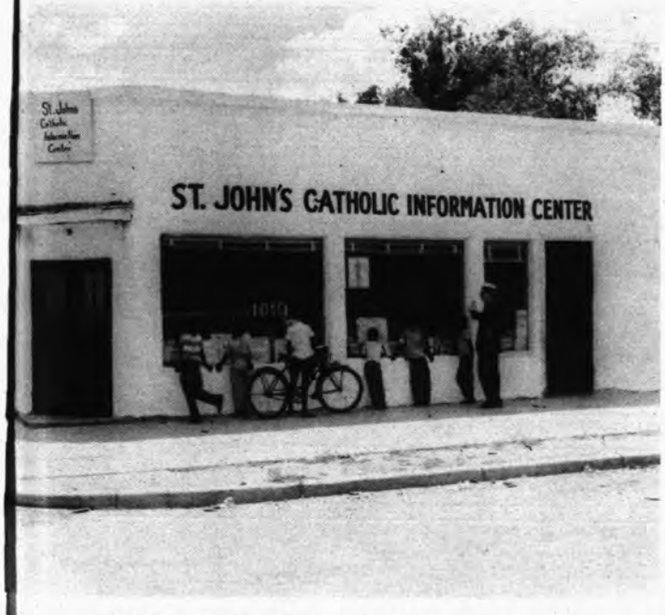

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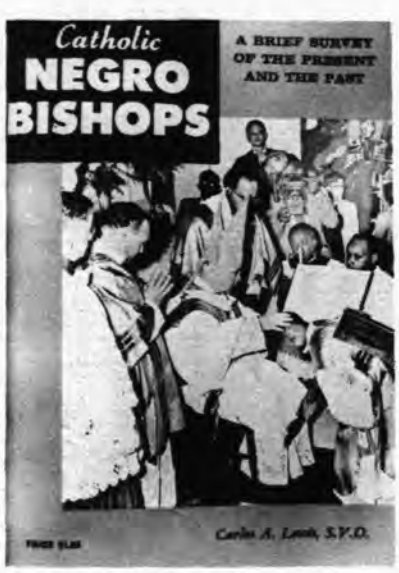

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My dear Boys and Girls:

Now that you are well into the school year and doing your best with your books, don't forget to think once in a while of the missions and the Missionaries, men and women, who keep themselves busing saving souls and doing for others what Christ Himself did while He was on earth. They give up their homeland, leave their families, relatives and friends, even give up their ambitions to help others learn about God and about how God wants them to live on this earth.

I wonder how many people you could name, who have left their homes, families, and friends, who have come from afar off to help you learn how to live and die. I'll bet if you stopped to count them you would be surprised. Write and let me know who you think has done this for you and for your classmates.

FATHER SMILEY'S FARM

"When I was a boy," Father I. M. Smiley told a bunch of bright-eyed youngsters, "a neighbor of ours, who was a farmer, too, boasted one day that he had a farm of 4 square miles. Well, my dad heard him and said: "Our farm is bigger than yours. Our farm is 3 miles square."

"Now, you youngsters are smart. WHICH FARM WAS BIGGER — THE NEIGHBOR'S FARM, THAT WAS 4 SQUARE MILES, OR OURS THAT WAS 3 MILES SQUARE?"

Boys and girls, I hope to print the answer in the December CORNER.

A. CORNE'S MAIL BAG

Dear A. Corne, (Sir)
My name is Nedra Fernandy, I am 11 years old. And I go to Saint Joseph School in Hollwell. My teacher's name is Sister Regina Dorothy. I think she is very nice. I read the MESSENGER all the time, I think it is the best magazine ever published. I say a rosary every night for you and the missionaries. I have a hobby but my friends think its odd, I like to collect rosary and Prayer books. I know you are very busy but if you get a chance please answer my letter. God bless you and keep you always. Your friend,
Nedra Fernandy
Warrington, Pa.

Nedra, God bless you a hundred times for that rosary you say every night for the missionaries. Some day you will know all the good it did for them and their people.

Dear A. Corne,
I will be entering the 7th Grade this year. Please, pray that I will be a successful and obedient student. A few years back I won a little object that was made like a T.V. It is very small. A very short time ago I realized that if you would look through the back of it you would see pictures of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Do you have any pictures, statues, or anything that reminds me of Jesus, Mary, or Joseph. If you have, will you send me some. Your friend,
Prudence White
Yazoo City, Miss.

I'll be sure to pray for your success as a student this year, Prudence. If I find any pictures and statues, I'll send them your way. God bless you.

Dear A. Corne,
My name is Jean Brischler. I was 11 years old in April. I am promoted to 6th grade. Besides my parrents I have a sister, Mary, a brother, John, and a dog, Tippy. We get the MESSENGER and I like the BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER best. If you would, I would like either you or some other priest tell me what you do in your Seminary. Enclosed You will find 25¢ for the Burse in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. I guess that's about all I have to say. May God bless you. Sincerely,
Jean Brischler
Little Ferry, New Jersey

I am glad, Jean, that you enjoy the

CORNER. Since I've told you about our Seminary, I hope that you remember our workers and our Missionaries in your prayers to God. Thanks for the 25¢ in honor of our Lady.

Dear A. Corne,

My name is Barbara Ann Ziemnik. I am twelve years old, and I go to Ascension School. My teacher's name is Sister Mary Hortense, R.S.M. I was in the sixth grade when I had Sister Hortense but next semester I'll be in the seventh grade.

A couple of weeks ago the tree we had in our back yard died so a boy named Bob sawed it down. Today we are going to burn it and have a wiener roast. My sister, Joanne and I were getting the things ready. We were putting dirt around the fire pit and I cut my middle finger on a piece of glass. So that's why I'm using my sister's typewriter.

I have been saving old cancelled stamps for you. My father gave me one from Rome, Italy, worth 35 cents. I also have a 4 cents Canadian stamp. I hope they will help the missionaries. I will save all the other stamps I receive and send them to you. God bless you. Yours truly,

Barbara Ann Ziemnik
Cleveland, Ohio

Thanks for the stamps, Barbara. They will do quite a bit in their own little way to help the missions. (I hope you enjoyed the wiener roast. Yum, yum!)

AUTOBIOGRAPHY CONTEST

If there's one thing that's clear to me, it is that some of our youngsters have really been living interesting lives. At least, that's what the autobiographies prove. Here are some for you to read.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Barbara Ann Williams
El Cajon, California

On one frosty morning in July my aunt, uncle, father, and my mother got into an ambulance and went whiz, whiz down the street, then it stopped at St. Mary's Hospital, my mother was rushed to the third floor, at 5:45 a little blue eyed, candy blonde baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams. My doctor picked me up and spanked me, for what I don't know, well they wrapped me in a nice warm blanket, and gave me my first baby bottle.

When I got home, I found more attention, all I had to do was open my mouth and there was help, until one morning my mother came home with a new doll which moved, but later I found out it was my brother.

I didn't receive as much attention as I used to get, I had to cry a little louder than usual.

Then when I was three, and my brother one, my father died of a heart attack, we had waved goodbye to him in the morning and he never came back. Then we came to California where my mother met my stepfather, we now live on a 10 acre ranch, and enjoy it very much.

For the next autobiography we jump to New York.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Kathleen Roth, 10
Utica, N. Y.

I was born in Memorial Hospital Utica, N.Y. on October 20, 1947, at about 1 o'clock, A.M. It was sort of warm that day.

I have lived in Utica all my life. I lived downstairs, in a two-story house, and my grandmother lived upstairs. I had a buggy that my four older sisters and brothers had used. We had a cocker-spaniel dog named Teddy. When I was five, I had my tonsils taken out at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. I was a little scared, but it wasn't that bad at all. I got some presents from my sisters and brothers and parents.

I still live in the two-story house in the same neighborhood; and I go to Blessed Sacrament Church and to Blessed Sacrament School and I am a choir girl in the Girls' Choir. My grandmother no longer lives upstairs in our house because she passed away three years ago, but different people live upstairs now. We used to have some goldfish, but they died and so did my dog, Teddy. Now we have a different dog named Smoky.

In summer, we used to go up to Old Forge, in the Adirondacks, N.Y. We would rent a cabin for two weeks and stay there. One year

when I was about three years old, we went to Boston, Massachusetts. Last summer, instead of a vacation, we went to New York for three days.

About a month ago, we had a baby duckling named Ozzie. Ozzie was all yellow and he made little peeping sounds. He is on a farm now, because he was getting too big to take care of. I miss him, but really not too much.

Our other pet, Smoky is a black cocker-spaniel. When he is hungry, he gets up on a chair and sits and begs. Smoky will 'speak' for you and even give you his paw. If nobody feeds him while he is on the chair, he will get down on the floor and sit up and bark till somebody feeds him. It seems he is always hungry!

I type a little, and it is sort of good. I do a little typing for my aunt who has an insurance agency. I know a little about insurance, too. I go over to my aunt's house every week-end, and I am over there practically all summer. I like it over there very much. I am at my aunt's house now, and that's how I got to make out my autobiography. I am here over the week-end.

I keep my bike over at my aunt's house, or else my brothers would ride it and it would break. I have two sisters and two brothers; Diane, 18; Suzanne 16, Fred 15, and Ronnie 12. My dog is two, also.

I think I have written enough, and I hope I win, but may the better man win.

For our next Autobiography we swoop down to the land of rice and sweet potatoes, Louisiana!

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Olita Mae Norman
Maurice, La.

I was born on January 24, 1944 in the Charity hospital in Lafayette, La. When I was four I swallowed a nickel and stayed two years in the hospital. I attend the Southside Elementary school in Maurice, La. I am in the eighth grade. I like to go to school very much.

I live on a farm with my mother, father, brothers and sisters. We are all very happy together. I go to church every Sunday and like to go very much.

I've been going to Houston, Texas every year for my vacation. And I'm hoping to go to Mexico this year for a change.

I have lived a very happy life in the past, and do hope to continue in the future.

Well, these are three autobiographies that will richly deserve the best prize I can send them. Barbara Ann, Kathleen, and Olita Mae won this month. Who will win next month's Contest? Maybe you will, if you get your Autobiography in as soon as possible.

PEN PAL?

A young man in South India is interested in hearing from Catholic youngsters in this country. His name is Mr. S. M. Michael Moduthagam. He is 23 years old, and a Catholic. Any boys and girls who are interested in writing to young Mr. Moduthagam can obtain his address from me. He is interested in coming to this country eventually to finish his studies.

OCTOBER

October is a lovely month
When we are taught to say
The Rosary for Mary's help
In keeping sin away.

And we are taught to contemplate
The mysteries of love
That Jesus shared with Mary when
He came from heaven above.

We're also told to imitate
Her goodness, and endure
The loss of even life itself
To keep our conscience pure.

October is a lovely month,
And high among its joys,
The daily Rosary will bless
All Mary's girls and boys.

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I wrote this poem just for you, boys and girls. I really hope you like it. When you say the Rosary, keep the missions and missionaries in mind. Ask God to bless them always, and give them strength to persevere in the hard work that they have taken upon themselves. God bless you all for your goodness. Your friend,

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when I was about three years old, we went to Boston, Massachusetts. Last summer, instead of a vacation, we went to New York for three days.

About a month ago, we had a baby duckling named Ozzie. Ozzie was all yellow and he made little peeping sounds. He is on a farm now, because he was getting too big to take care of. I miss him, but really not too much.

Our other pet, Smoky is a black cocker-spaniel. When he is hungry, he gets up on a chair and sits and begs. Smoky will 'speak' for you and even give you his paw. If nobody feeds him while he is on the chair, he will get down on the floor and sit up and bark till somebody feeds him. It seems he is always hungry!

I type a little, and it is sort of good. I do a little typing for my aunt who has an insurance agency. I know a little about insurance, too. I go over to my aunt's house every week-end, and I am over there practically all summer. I like it over there very much. I am at my aunt's house now, and that's how I got to make out my autobiography. I am here over the week-end.

I keep my bike over at my aunt's house, or else my brothers would ride it and it would break. I have two sisters and two brothers; Diane, 18; Suzanne 16, Fred 15, and Ronnie 12. My dog is two, also.

I think I have written enough, and I hope I win, but may the better man win.

For our next Autobiography we swoop down to the land of rice and sweet potatoes, Louisiana!

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Olita Mae Norman
Maurice, La.

I was born on January 24, 1944 in the Charity hospital in Lafayette, La. When I was four I swallowed a nickel and stayed two years in the hospital. I attend the Southside Elementary school in Maurice, La. I am in the eighth grade. I like to go to school very much.

I live on a farm with my mother, father, brothers and sisters. We are all very happy together. I go to church every Sunday and like to go very much.

I've been going to Houston, Texas every year for my vacation. And I'm hoping to go to Mexico this year for a change.

I have lived a very happy life in the past, and do hope to continue in the future.

Well, these are three autobiographies that will richly deserve the best prize I can send them. Barbara Ann, Kathleen, and Olita Mae won this month. Who will win next month's Contest? Maybe you will, if you get your Autobiography in as soon as possible.

PEN PAL?

A young man in South India is interested in hearing from Catholic youngsters in this country. His name is Mr. S. M. Michael Moduthagam. He is 23 years old, and a Catholic. Any boys and girls who are interested in writing to young Mr. Moduthagam can obtain his address from me. He is interested in coming to this country eventually to finish his studies.

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October is a lovely month
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The Rosary, for Mary's help
In keeping sin away.

And we are taught to contemplate
The mysteries of love
That Jesus shared with Mary when
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We're also told to imitate
Her goodness, and endure
The loss of even life itself
To keep our conscience pure.

October is a lovely month,
And high among its joys,
The daily Rosary will bless
All Mary's girls and boys.

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I wrote this poem just for you, boys and girls. I really hope you like it. When you say the Rosary, keep the missions and missionaries in mind. Ask God to bless them always, and give them strength to persevere in the hard work that they have taken upon themselves. God bless you all for your goodness. Your friend,

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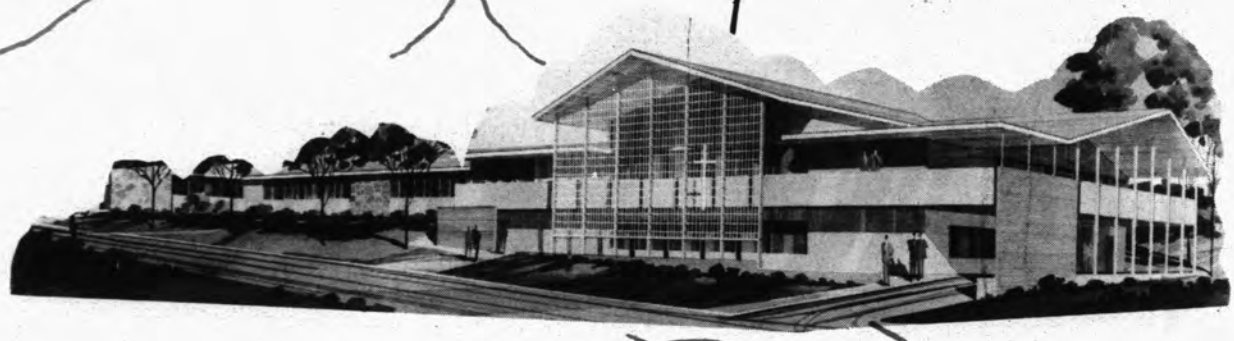

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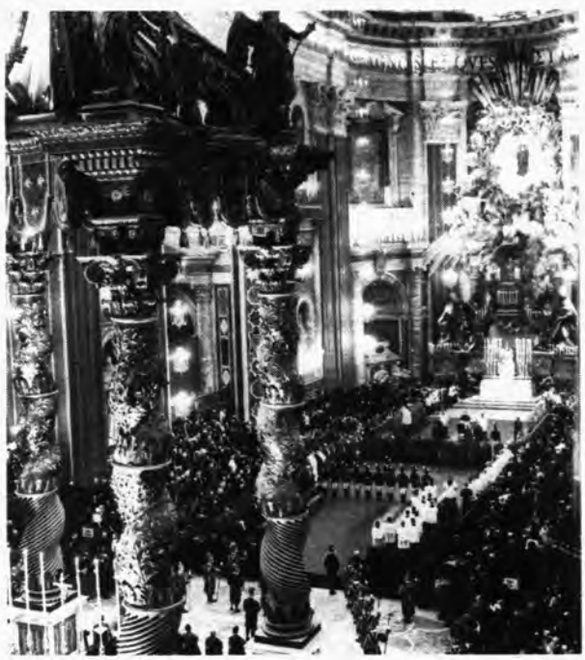

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I cannot fail to express here my gratitude to all the other Divine Word Fathers and Brothers, who, though not stationed at the seminary, are doing heroic work in our Southern Province which stretches from here to California. I shall always admire these heroic men of God who, like other St. Peter Clavers, must struggle against great odds, even at times heart-breaking odds, to spread the Faith among our Colored Brothers in Christ. As Consultor General, I shall leave no stone unturned to promote the progress of our missions here in the South.

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always been grateful for the splendid cooperation given us by a host of priests here in the South, both among the diocesan clergy, as well as among the religious societies, especially the Josephite and Holy Ghost Fathers who share with us a common difficult apostolate. In my own name, and in the name of all our Divine Word Missionaries, let me here publicly thank all these priests for extending to us the hand of charity and cooperation.

To you, our many friends of the Catholic laity, I also must express my great indebtedness for all you have done to help our missionary enterprises. The Seminary has always found you most willing to assist it in all the tasks it has undertaken in the name of God. Naturally, your first loyalty must always be to your parish, be it St. Rose De Lima, Our Lady of the Gulf, or any other parish. It is there you should fulfill your Sunday obligations and join in the important parish activities. Yet, I trust that you will always continue to help our Seminary and Southern Province when your time and means allow you to do so reasonably, for you will be assisting in a missionary undertaking that has the blessing of the Holy Father himself. May you, by your truly Christlike charity, continue to make St. Augustine's a beacon of that charity which should exist among all men, and which our Lord exemplified by dying for us on the Cross.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank our beloved Ordinary, Bishop Gerow, for the fatherly interest he has always shown St. Augustine's Seminary and our Divine Word missions in his diocese. Perhaps some of you will be glad to hear for the first time that next spring our Seminary will celebrate the silver jubilee of its first ordination class. That first priestly ceremony on the grounds of this Seminary was performed by our beloved Bishop Gerow on May 23, 1934. I know that sometime next spring our entire Province will express its loyalty and gratitude to our Bishop in an appropriate manner. May God grant Bishop Gerow many more years of fruitful service in His vineyard.

Pope Pius has said: "It (the Faith) is the gift par excellence which places on our lips the hymn of gratitude: What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has done to me? What, besides due homage of the spirit, will we offer to the Lord in exchange for this divine gift? Should it not be our zeal to diffuse among men the splendor of divine truth? The missionary spirit, whereby, animated by the fire of charity, we communicate to our brothers the Faith we have received, is, in some way, the first response of our gratitude toward God." (Fide Donum).

God grant that all of us may grow daily in our love for the missions—both those at home and in foreign fields—and endeavor to cooperate enthusiastically in the spread of the Faith. Just as Holy Mother Church made us pray this morning in the oration for the feast of St. Peter Claver, so, too, "May all of us through the intercession of St. Peter Claver, seeking the things which are of Jesus Christ, LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS IN DEED AND TRUTH." (Oration)

Father Pung sings an oration before the Lady Altar on departure day. He is flanked by Father Olivier (left) and Father Provincial Hunter (right).

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To you, our many friends of the Catholic laity, I also must express my great indebtedness for all you have done to help our missionary enterprises. The Seminary has always found you most willing to assist it in all the tasks it has undertaken in the name of God. Naturally, your first loyalty must always be to your parish, be it St. Rose De Lima, Our Lady of the Gulf, or any other parish. It is there you should fulfill your Sunday obligations and join in the important parish activities. Yet, I trust that you will always continue to help our Seminary and Southern Province when your time and means allow you to do so reasonably, for you will be assisting in a missionary undertaking that has the blessing of the Holy Father himself. May you, by your truly Christlike charity, continue to make St. Augustine's a beacon of that charity which should exist among all men, and which our Lord exemplified by dying for us on the Cross.

Last, but not least, I wish to thank our beloved Ordinary, Bishop Gerow, for the fatherly interest he has always shown St. Augustine's Seminary and our Divine Word missions in his diocese. Perhaps some of you will be glad to hear for the first time that next spring our Seminary will celebrate the silver jubilee of its first ordination class. That first priestly ceremony on the grounds of this Seminary was performed by our beloved Bishop Gerow on May 23, 1934. I know that sometime next spring our entire Province will express its loyalty and gratitude to our Bishop in an appropriate manner. May God grant Bishop Gerow many more years of fruitful service in His vineyard.

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God grant that all of us may grow daily in our love for the missions—both those at home and in foreign fields—and endeavor to cooperate enthusiastically in the spread of the Faith. Just as Holy Mother Church made us pray this morning in the oration for the feast of St. Peter Claver, so, too, "May all of us through the intercession of St. Peter Claver, seeking the things which are of Jesus Christ, LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS IN DEED AND TRUTH." (Oration)

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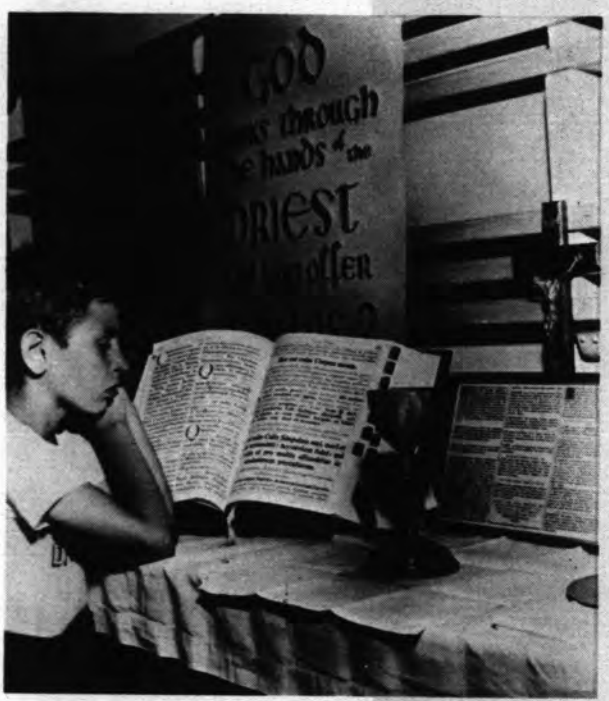

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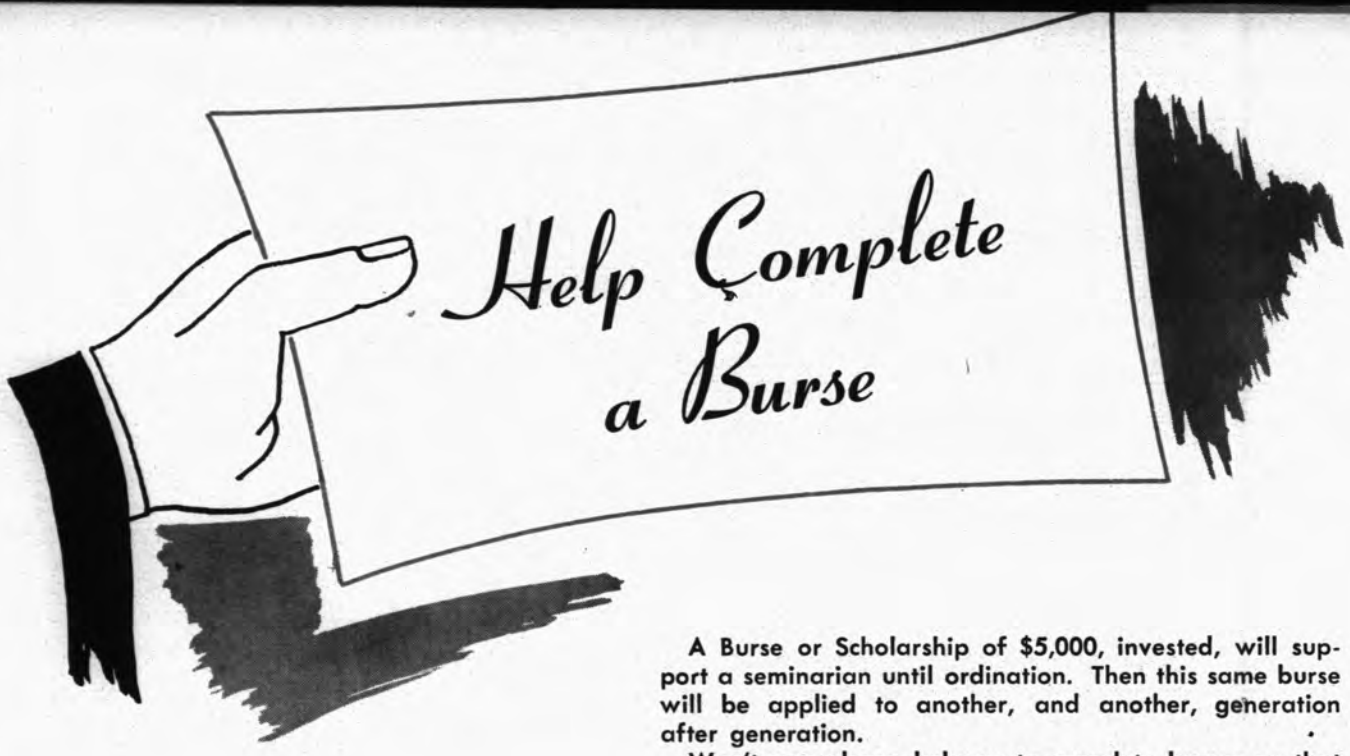

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By Marie Layne

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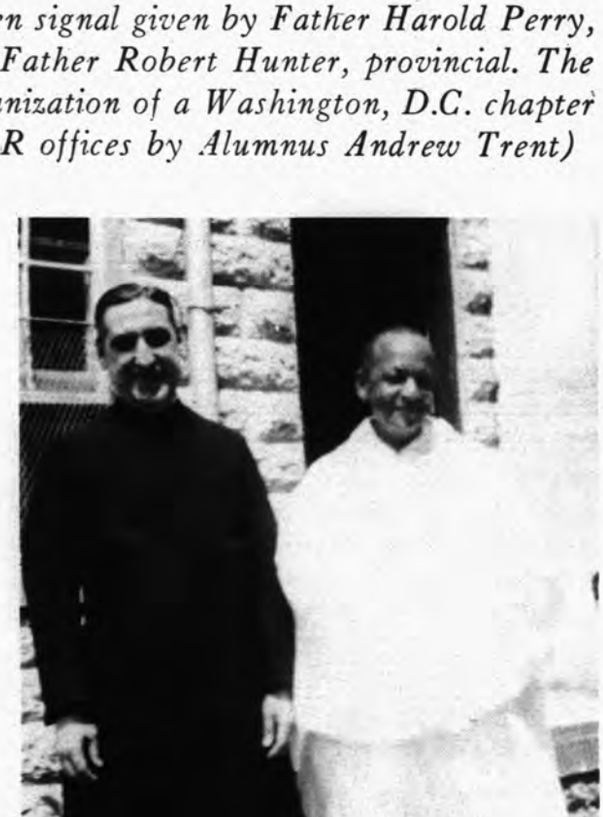

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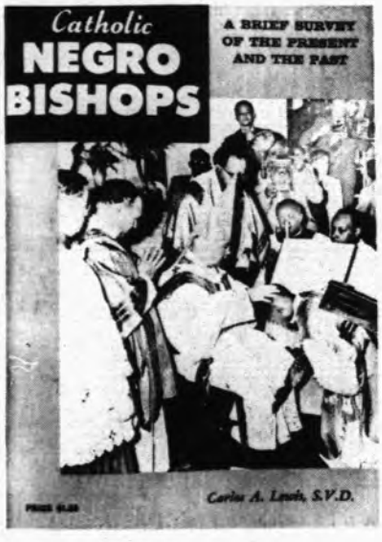

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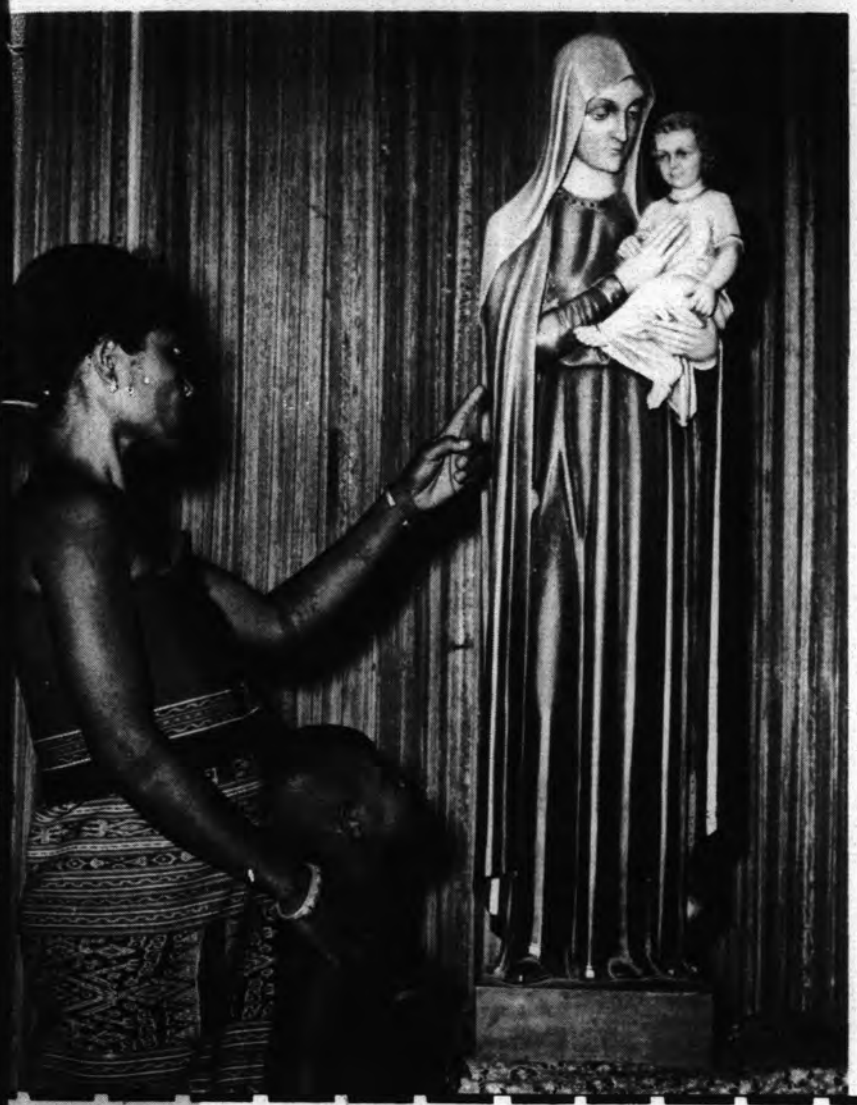

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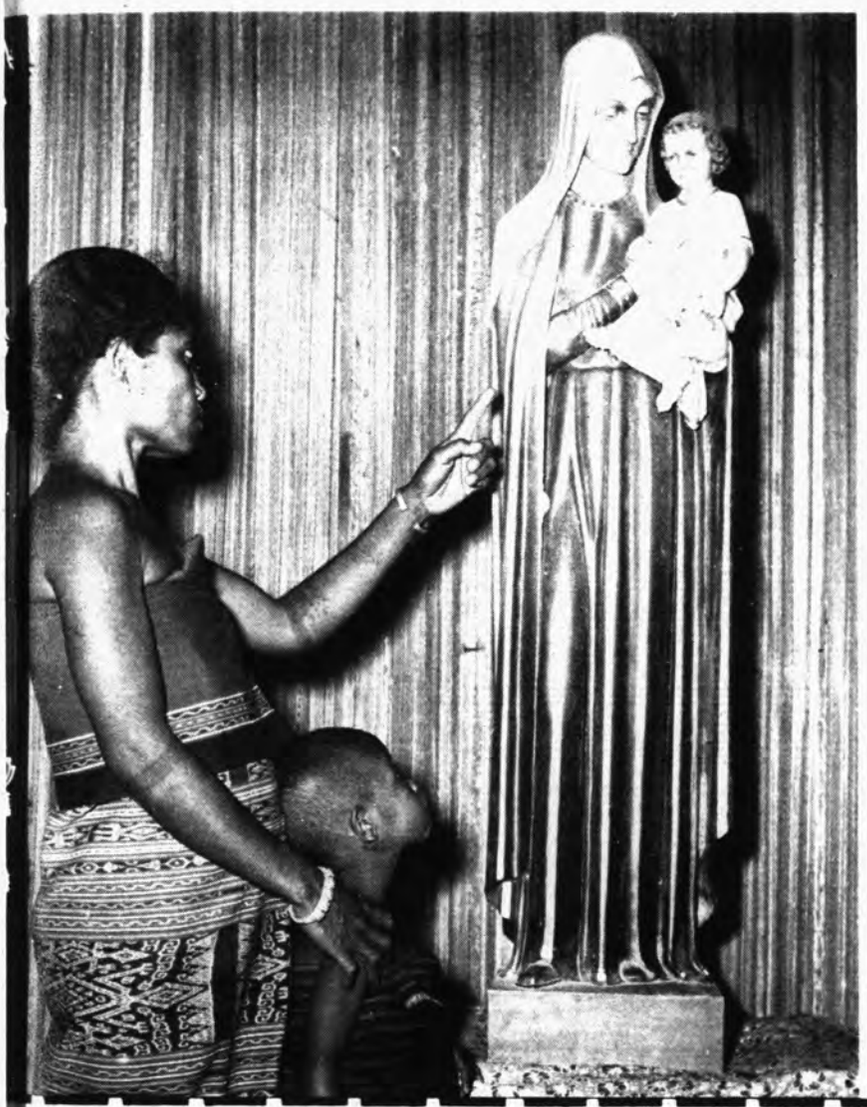

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My Dear Boys and Girls:

Do you know what? I've just been thinking about Thanksgiving. I suppose you will say: "Well, it's time to be thinking about it, because it will soon be here."

Yes, the last Thursday in this month will be Thanksgiving Day, the day on which we are going to give thanks to the good God for all the nice things He has given us this year.

But what I was thinking about is this: We give thanks on Thanksgiving Day; but oughtn't we give thanks EVERY day? God gives us His gifts every day; oughtn't we thank Him for them every day?

Let us make it a point this year to thank the good God EVERY day for all that He gives us. And give thanks, too, to all other people who give us things, ESPECIALLY, our mothers and fathers.

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A. CORNE'S MAIL BAG

Dear A. Corne,

I think I have figured out the answer to the quiz about the eggs. After the altar boys took the twelve eggs there was still one egg left in the basket because it was not boiled. The boys only took twelve boiled eggs. It didn't say anything about unboiled eggs. Yours respectfully,

Aline Mae Garrett
St. Martinville, La.

Dear Aline, I think that you have done a lot of deep thinking on this puzzler. I hope you won't be too surprised at the answer which you will find later on in the CORNER.

Dear A. Corne,

I would like to tell you how much I enjoy your mail bag. It is interesting and enjoyable. I, like many of your other writers, am something of a junior poet. It is my hobby and only talent. I write poem after poem and I like others to read them. Do you suppose this poem would be enjoyed by your thousands of other readers. If so please find a wee bit of space to publish it. Thank you so much! Yours sincerely,

Margaret Whitford
Fond du Lac, Wis.

OUR BABY GOD
by Margaret Mary Whitford

Once when Jesus was a tot
Just learning how to walk,
He made a pretty flower spring
From every wayside rock.

Once when Jesus was a lad
Close at Mary's knee,
He smiled and the flowers bloomed
Far across the lea.

Now the world is beautiful
And Jesus smiles still,
While bloom the flowers beautiful
Upon each grassy hill.

Margaret, the poem is beautiful, and if your other poems are as nice, you have a wonderful talent from God. I hope you develop it. I hope to hear from you again. God bless you.

Dear A. Corne,

My name is Prudence Ann White. I'm eleven years old. I attend St. Francis school and I'm in the 7th Grade. My teacher's name is Sister Mary Oda. This is my 7th or 8th letter since we have been getting the MESSENGER. My hobbies are writing letters and reading good books. I have been remembering you and the missions in my prayers. Your friend,

Prudence
Yazoo City, Miss.

You have a fine hobby, Prudence, and I enjoy reading the letters you send this way. Thanks a lot for remembering the missions and me in your prayers. You have probably done a lot of good.

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THOSE EGGS AGAIN!

Father I. M. Smiley looked around his Sixth Grade classroom. Eyeing the expectant youngsters, he shook his head, and said: "So, you couldn't figure out the puzzler about eggs, eh? Well, just listen to this letter I received from a youngster up in Maine."

Dear Rev. Father Smiley,

I read your letter in the MESSENGER and I think I know the answer to your riddle. The last altar boy took the box with the

twelfth egg in it. I'm nine years old. I go to Chisholm School and I'm in the fourth grade. Sincerely yours,
Gerard Decoteau
Rumford, Maine

There you are, boys and girls. Gerard Decoteau of the fourth grade of Chisholm School in Maine has come up with the perfect and correct answer to my September riddle. I'll have to make my next one a little easier."

Just then, Mary Mutch raised a chubby hand and waved it in the air. "Father," she asked, "what do the letters "I." and "M." stand for in your name?"

Father Smiled (naturally). "Well, it could be "Ike Mike" or "Isidore Mitchell." See if you can guess before January of next year."

Boys and Girls, can you guess what the two initials in Father I. M. Smiley's name stand for? Send in your guess and win a prize if it is correct. The answer will be in the January MESSENGER.

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY CONTEST

See how you like the Autobiographies for this month.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Rosemary Wisnewski
Mt. Pleasant, Penna.

I was born May 9, 1947 in Mt. Pleasant, Penna. I lived in Mt. Pleasant 2 yrs. Then we went to live in the country, it is about 2 miles north of Mt. Pleasant. We have a little farm, we have one cow, about 20 chickens, I cat, 2 kittens. We had rabbits but they died. When I was 6 I attended Noverth School for 2 years. The third year I went to Tranfiguration with my 2 brothers and 1 sister. I have 4 brothers and 3 sisters. When I was in third, I made my First Holy Communion, that was my happiest day. I had a little party. Now I am 11 and in the 6th grade still going to Transfiguration School. I have a sister 2, a brother 4, and a sister 7 in the second grade, a brother in 9th, sister in 10th, and a brother in 11th grade. They all attend Hurst School, and a brother out of High School. I hope to be a sister. I hope you like my autobiography.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Carolyn Jean Spahn
Latrobe, Penna.

My name is Carolyn Jean Spahn. I am going to be eight years old on Hallowe'en (Oct. 31). My mother is planning a small birthday party for me and my close friends. I was born in 1950, Oct. 31 in Latrobe hospital and thank God, I was a healthy baby. I attended St. Vincent School and I am in the 3rd grade. My teacher is Mrs. Kintz. I like her very much. I like spelling and writing and I like dolls and books of all kinds.

I have a brother Larry who is three and a sister, Lorraine who is 15 months old. My brother Larry has cerebral palsy and is mentally retarded. We love him very much. My mother is very busy but she helps me write sometimes. My little sister is real sweet too and God blessed her with good health. My daddy fixes cars and we call him "the car doctor," but he sure loves it. Please, pray for my little brother along with us. I like your MESSENGER very much.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Robert James Stango
Pittsburgh, Penna.

I was born in Pittsburgh Hospital on Sept. 15, 1944. I am the baby of our family, with an 20 year old brother. I live in a 3 family apt. on a main street. I live with my Mother, Father & Brother. On the second floor lives my aunt & uncle, and on the 3rd floor are my cousins. We love pets and have a dog, cat, and two parakeets. For the past 5 months I've been in the hospital with pleurisy, pneumonia, and rheumatic fever which damaged my heart a little. I graduated from the 8th Grade in the Immaculate Conception School. I like music and play the accordian.

I've said it before and I'll say it again: I think that some of the most interesting boys and girls read this CORNER and write in to old A. CORNE. These Autobiographies prove this. Rosemary, Carolyn and Robert win the prizes for this month. Rosemary hopes to be a Sister. That is our wish for her, too. Don't forget to say a prayer for Carolyn's little, sick brother, Larry. And remember Robert, too, who is doing his best with a damaged heart.

I didn't think I'd have a chance to say this, but—do you know there are boys and girls who will thank everybody else except Mama and Papa. They take the soup and the spinach and the slice of pie which Mother hands to them, and the hat and the shoes which Father brings to them; but not one word of thanks do they utter. "Oh, I don't have to thank my own pop; he's *gotta* do things for me!"

And still worse than not *thanking* Mom and Dad, I've seen children even cry and complain about the gifts their parents gave them. "Aw gee, Papa! Why didn't you buy me the same kind of shoes all the other kids are wearin'?" "Mama, I don't want this hat; I'd rather have a different color, or no hat at all!"

Now, I'm afraid that those children need a very special Thanksgiving Day in order to make up for all those thanks which they DID NOT give to their mothers and fathers.

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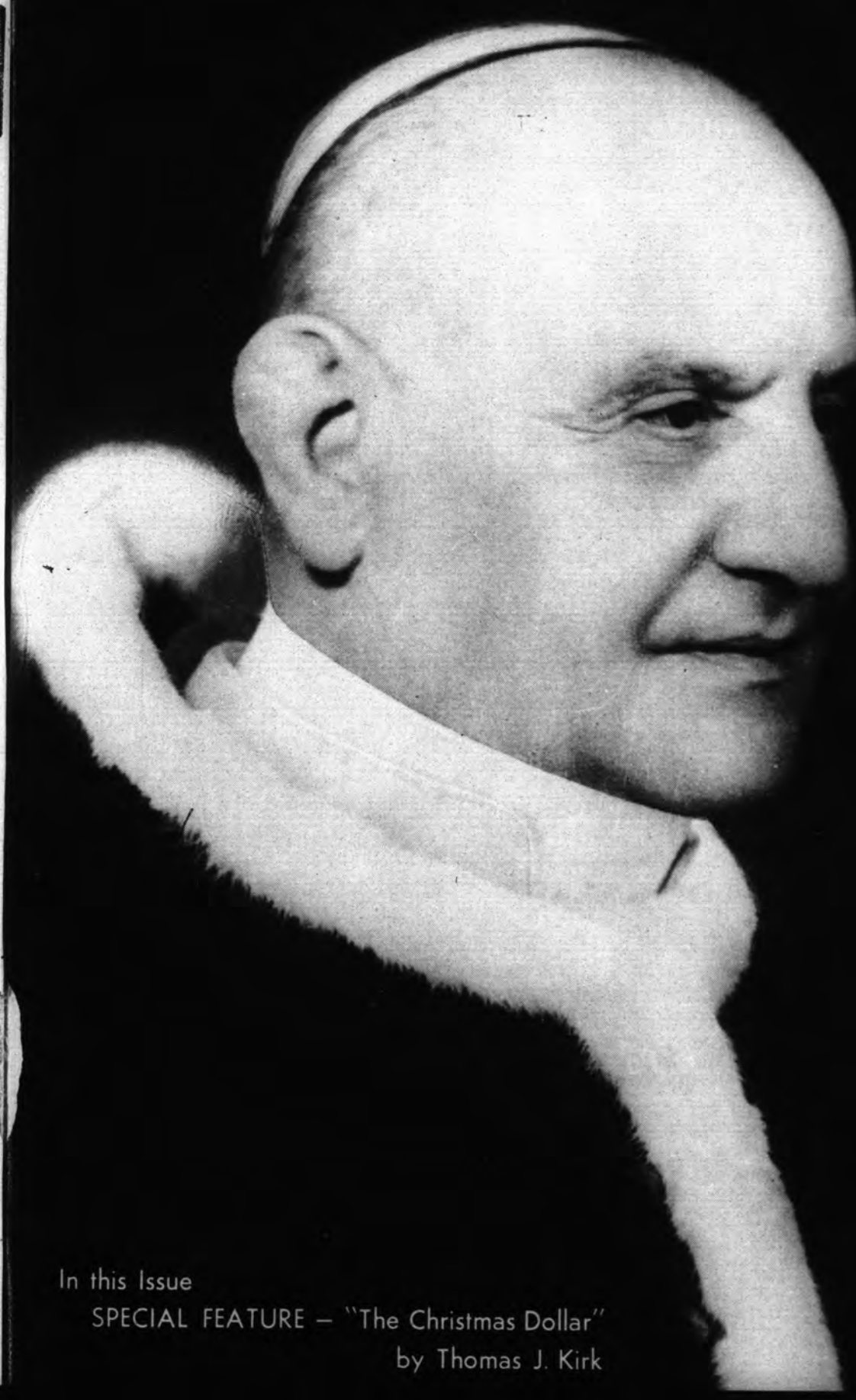

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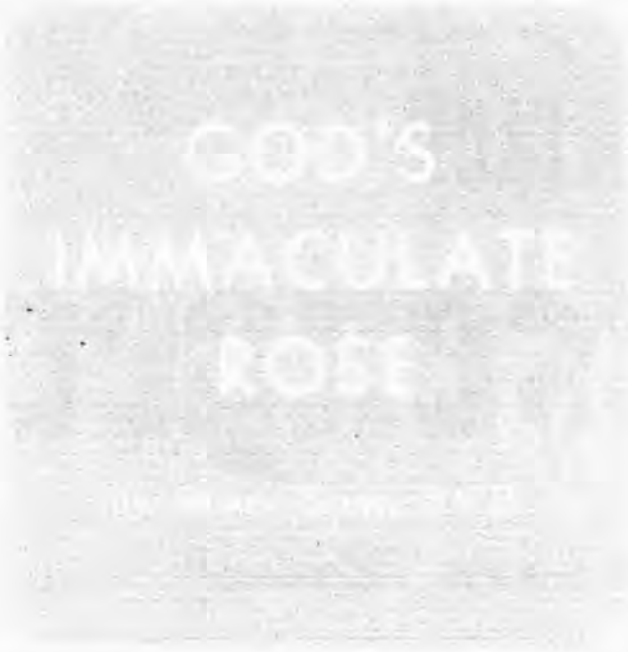

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Cribs apparently became common in many parts of Europe, some showing the work of true artistry, some so loaded down with puppets that the crib could scarcely be seen.

Cribs spread from the churches into the homes, especially Catholic homes. Then the crib became a cradle, and in Germany by the fourteenth century the rocking cradle appeared, and "cradle rocking" made the presentation still more life-like, and as the people must have thought, even more Christian.

The characters and the animals accompanying Nativity Cribs were at first few, but in time more and more persons and animals were added. The kings had brilliantly dressed followers. People spent much time and money in the carving and dressing of these characters.

They were made of all sorts of material, some of terra-cotta, and painted in natural color. The heads were movable, and often covered with wigs and adorned with glass eyes. The more wealthy of the fifteenth and sixteenth century engaged artists to construct scenes so elaborate that the attention must have been turned from the purpose intended to a pretentious show.

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The characters and the animals accompanying Nativity Cribs were at first few, but in time more and more persons and animals were added. The kings had brilliantly dressed followers. People spent much time and money in the carving and dressing of these characters.

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It was the simple folk who kept alive the religious traditions. Each country naturalized its own Nativity scenes, just as Santa Claus has remained a naturalized American.

Nativity scenes are American imports. It was well along in the eighteenth century before Christmas was celebrated. Nativity scenes are doubtless common in many homes, both Protestant and Catholic, and many Christmas religious programs utilize the crib and the Holy Child. Nativity scenes are on sale at Christmas time in many of our stores. One can buy whole sets already for putting up, or one can get the stable and the crib, and as many characters and animals as he wants, and assemble them according to the space available.

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Democracy will decay and die unless we recognize and encourage a kind of unequality of the soul. There must always be people better than the rest in many ways. Some men must always be more holy, more competent, more public-spirited and more self-sacrificing than others.

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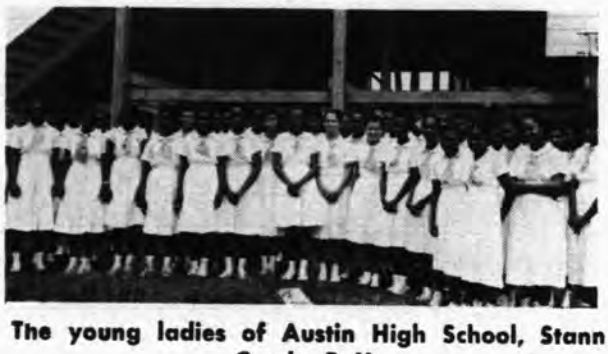

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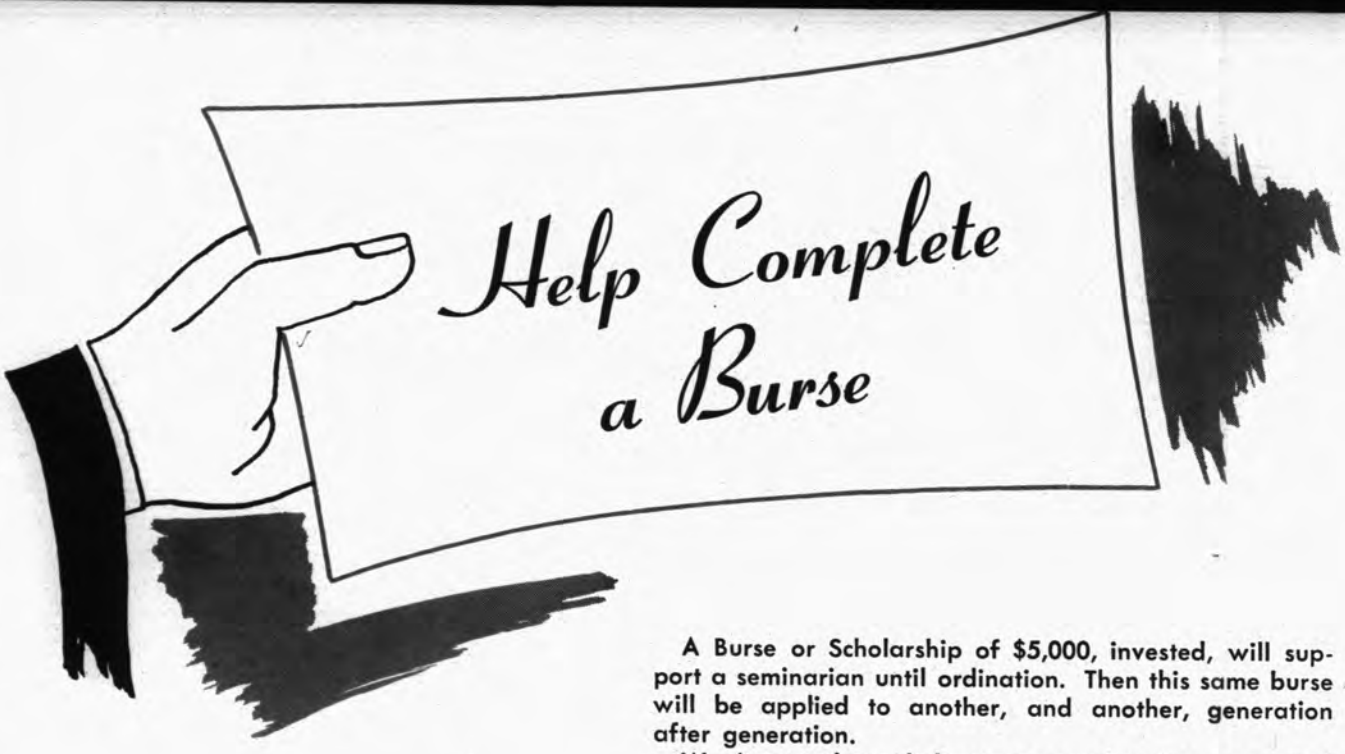

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She envisages some 'kicking and screaming,' but the limits of generosity are no longer those of the next harvest. How can the Western World read the Parable of the Talents without a cold shudder? What is required on our part is a 'widening effort to see our brother wherever he may be.' The seculars tell us that 'charity cannot cross oceans even though rockets can.' As children of the Good Shepherd, we have to speak up, to voice the alternative: *Live or die—love your neighbor or be destroyed!* What though the love is disguised in terms of economics or otherwise; the promise of eternal life was given to those who perform the act of charity even if this charity be clothed or in some guise. If we, in our complacency, permit the Communists to take the initiative in this regard, "We shall not survive because we shall not have deserved to!"

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The Christmas Dollar

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Editor's Note:

Mr. Kirk, author and lecturer, is a former vice-president of the Encyclopedia Americana, and was in charge of their Educational Division for many years. This is a true story but the names of the characters are fictitious with the exception of Mr. Kirk's and Miss Kelty's. We are grateful to Mr. Kirk for the exclusive use of his copyrighted story as our December Feature.

It was one of those crisp, cold November Sundays for which New York City has been famous. No smog! No smaze! Just a beautiful sky and a sun to match, with gusts of invigorating wind coming straight from the Atlantic.

As I strode down Forty-Second Street, leaving the United Nations Building behind me, I enjoyed a great feeling of elation. In fact, "visions of sugar plums danced in my head." In just a few short weeks I would be headed for Kansas City and Christmas—to a mother, two brothers, a sister, assorted in-laws—and twelve glorious wild-eyed nieces and nephews who call me "Uncle Tom" with varying degrees of affection, depending on the occasion. Parents and uncles will know what I mean.

I am Roman Catholic, by accident of birth, and I was headed for Sunday mass. I was late! I took the corner of the Chrysler Building on two wheels and mounted the steps of St. Agnes Church on 43rd Street, just in time to hear the Monsignor bellow "The Gospel!" I had made it! As a result of my delinquency in drinking in too much of that wine-like air, I had to stand in back of the church. I placed my hat on a radiator top and walked up to a high wooden partition which backs the pews. St. Agnes' is a very old church, and these partitions were put up originally to protect the congregation from cold wintry blasts when the three large doors were opened and shut. The partition served a particular purpose on this day.

But getting back to the Monsignor and the Gospel. It was the one in the thirteenth chapter of St. Matthew which tells of Christ teaching in parables, and one of my favorites;—the story of the mustard seed, the least of the seeds, which grew into a tree, and the birds of the air came and lodged in its branches, etc. The Monsignor is a superb reader and I was entranced. The sermon, however, was a different story. I saw several people go to sleep—but I was standing and did not have a handy pillar. Why do so many clerics today preach a negative faith instead of a positive faith? This is something I think all ministers of God should think over seriously. But don't get me wrong about the Monsignor. He is magnificent in many ways. He is tall and rotund (an unusual combination) and if he kept his robes on, and added a white cotton beard and moustache, he would look just like Santa Claus—and he probably *is* to many.

One of the little services he renders his parishioners has always impressed me. After the last mass on Sunday, and after each noon-day service during the week, he waddles (and I do mean —waddles) up and down the center aisle leading the rosary. Believe me, it is one of the most beautiful and inspiring spiritual performances I have ever seen. Many go to the last mass on Sunday just to join in that simple service.

With the sermon, finished I opened my prayer book and went to work. When the last principal part of the mass was over (Communion) I sensed a slight commotion on my left. I looked over discreetly, and then down.

There stood a little girl, beautifully and expensively dressed. She wore a small navy blue little girl's hat with an upturned brim. It was trimmed with one of the cockiest little ribbons I have ever seen. I am no fashion expert so all I can say is that it went around the hat and fell in a pert little cascade down the back. Her coat was navy blue, with an immaculate white collar which was probably attached to a blouse. Another important fashion note is that she wore tiny blue knitted gloves with some cute diddy-bangles crochetted on the back. Later I learned that she was seven years old.

She seemed very disturbed about something, and just a little frightened at being there alone among all those towering adults. I must have a kind face! My left hand was dangling at my side as I had no particular use for it at the time, and within minutes I felt a little gloved hand in mine. I looked down and gasped audibly. First, a peaches and cream complexion, a row of bangs our First Lady would envy, and the largest, most luminous blue eyes you could imagine. She drew me down and whispered into my left ear.

"Sir, I'm terribly embarrassed. I think I have missed mass." The distress was so real that I replied quickly:

"No, you haven't, dear. You just stand right here."

Many years of being "Uncle Tom" to my own nieces and nephews came to my rescue. To me the illusions of the little ones are important. There can be nothing more tragic than the picnic ruined by rain, the party dress that isn't finished for the party, or the train that Junior didn't get for Christmas (Daddy just didn't trust himself). As I write, a personal childhood tragedy comes to mind. The day before the big eighth grade graduation party, I was roller skating and fell flat on my face. Skinned knees, skinned forehead and the nose we won't mention. I missed the party—and oh, the anguish!

And the little darling was worried because she had missed mass! After the first flash, I thought suddenly of the Monsignor's rosary. The youngster couldn't see over the partition so I tried to keep her content with little comments, — and I WAS curious. I leaned over.

"What is your name dear?"

She replied promptly, "My name is Karen Wendell."

Mass was just about ready to end. "Karen, where is your Mummy?" Her reply shocked me slightly.

"Mummy is downstairs."

I thought "How strange! There is a lower church here, but the last mass down there was finished over an hour ago. If Mummy is in the lower church the only thing she can be doing is cleaning pews. And that didn't seem likely. I was a bit concerned."

At that point mass was over and people started streaming out of all three aisles. I took Karen by the hand

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Seminarian Instructor

Last spring, the general chapter of the Society of the Divine Word decided that major seminarians might be allowed to teach when the need arose.

Such a need did arise here at St. Augustine's when Father Norbert Schuler, S.V.D., professor of English for twenty-seven years, was transferred to Marygrove. Frater Joseph Buttimer, S.V.D., was assigned to teach. Frater Buttimer, 25, is a native of West Somerville, Mass. Although he had never taught before, he manages to carry a heavy schedule of fifteen English classes, which any teacher will tell you demands a great deal of preparation. He is also always willing to give lagging students a little extra help. When he has finished teaching, Frater Buttimer will enter his first year of theological studies for the priesthood.

Frater Joseph J. Buttimer, S.V.D.
(New Instructor)

Thanksgiving

For the Community at St. Augustine's, Thanksgiving Day has plenty of meaning. The members of the Community have much to be grateful for— their religious and priestly vocations, their opportunities to work for the missions. They also owe great thanks for the many friends who have kept the seminary in existence and made it a success. All friends of the seminary were remembered in a special way at the Community Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

No Thanksgiving day is complete without the big Thanksgiving Football Game. So the annual classic was played between the Major and Minor Seminarians.

Christmas

At the annual midnight Mass of Christmas, St. Augustine's Community will remember all its friends and benefactors and ask for them from the Christ Child an abundance of graces and blessings! A very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year to you.

Frater James Henry is made subdeacon. Bishop Gerow is the prelate; Father Carlos Lewis, S.V.D., prefect of the seminarians is assisting.

Subdiaconate For Three at St. Augustine's

In the middle of the Month of the Holy Rosary, three scholastic-theologians of St. Augustine's Seminary received the first major order, the subdiaconate. The rites took place in the chapel of St. Augustine's Seminary.

The three subdeacons following the seminary pose for a picture before the Seminary. First row, left to right: Fraters Garry, Coady, and Henry. Second row: Father Carlos Lewis, prefect of scholastics; Father Harold Perry, rector of St. Augustine's Seminary. Last row: Father Provincial Robert C. Hunter, Bishop Gerow and Father Hubert Posjena, vice-Provincial.

The Most Rev. Richard Oliver Gerow, S.T.D., Bishop of Natchez-Jackson was the ordaining prelate.

The three subdeacons are the Reverend Fraters: Gerald Garry, John Coady, and James Henry — all Divine Word Missionaries. They will receive the diaconate in mid-December and the priesthood on Easter Monday, 1959.

The Very Rev. Robert C. Hunter, S.V.D., Provincial of the Southern Divine Word Province presented the candidates for the subdiaconate. The seminary choir rendered the music with Father Arthur Winters, S.V.D., conducting and Mr. Charles Henry at the Wicks organ.

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Such a need did arise here at St. Augustine's when Father Norbert Schuler, S.V.D., professor of English for twenty-seven years, was transferred to Marygrove. Frater Joseph Buttimer, S.V.D., was assigned to teach. Frater Buttimer, 25, is a native of West Somerville, Mass. Although he had never taught before, he manages to carry a heavy schedule of fifteen English classes, which any teacher will tell you demands a great deal of preparation. He is also always willing to give lagging students a little extra help. When he has finished teaching, Frater Buttimer will enter his first year of theological studies for the priesthood.

Frater Joseph J. Buttimer, S.V.D.
(New Instructor)

Thanksgiving

For the Community at St. Augustine's, Thanksgiving Day has plenty of meaning. The members of the Community have much to be grateful for—their religious and priestly vocations, their opportunities to work for the missions. They also owe great thanks for the many friends who have kept the seminary in existence and made it a success. All friends of the seminary were remembered in a special way at the Community Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

No Thanksgiving day is complete without the big Thanksgiving Football Game. So the annual classic was played between the Major and Minor Seminarians.

Christmas

At the annual midnight Mass of Christmas, St. Augustine's Community will remember all its friends and benefactors and ask for them from the Christ Child an abundance of graces and blessings! A very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year to you.

Frater James Henry is made subdeacon. Bishop Gerow is the prelate; Father Carlos Lewis, S.V.D., prefect of the seminarians is assisting.

Subdiaconate For Three at St. Augustine's

In the middle of the Month of the Holy Rosary, three scholastic-theologians of St. Augustine's Seminary received the first major order, the subdiaconate. The rites took place in the chapel of St. Augustine's Seminary.

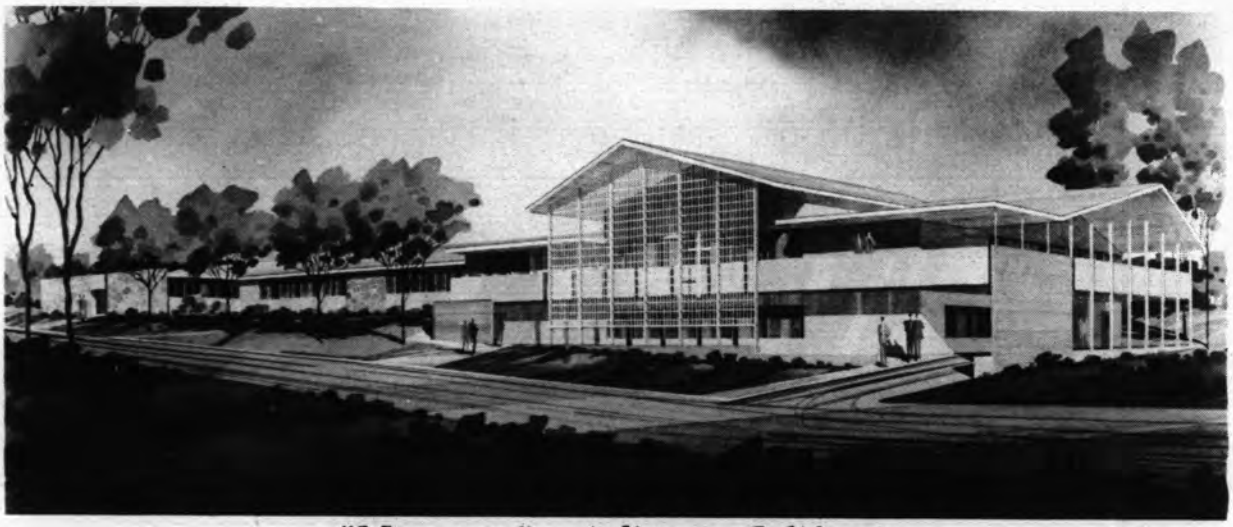
The three subdeacons following the seminary pose for a picture before the Seminary. First row, left to right: Fraters Garry, Coady, and Henry. Second row: Father Carlos Lewis, prefect of scholastics; Father Harold Perry, rector of St. Augustine's Seminary. Last row: Father Provincial Robert C. Hunter, Bishop Gerow and Father Hubert Posjena, vice-Provincial.

The Most Rev. Richard Oliver Gerow, S.T.D., Bishop of Natchez-Jackson was the ordaining prelate.

The three subdeacons are the Reverend Fraters: Gerald Garry, John Coady, and James Henry — all Divine Word Missionaries. They will receive the diaconate in mid-December and the priesthood on Easter Monday, 1959.

The Very Rev. Robert C. Hunter, S.V.D., Provincial of the Southern Divine Word Province presented the candidates for the subdiaconate. The seminary choir rendered the music with Father Arthur Winters, S.V.D., conducting and Mr. Charles Henry at the Wicks organ.

Brother Anastasius and Brother Patrick with Father Provincial Hunter on Investiture Day — All Saints' Day



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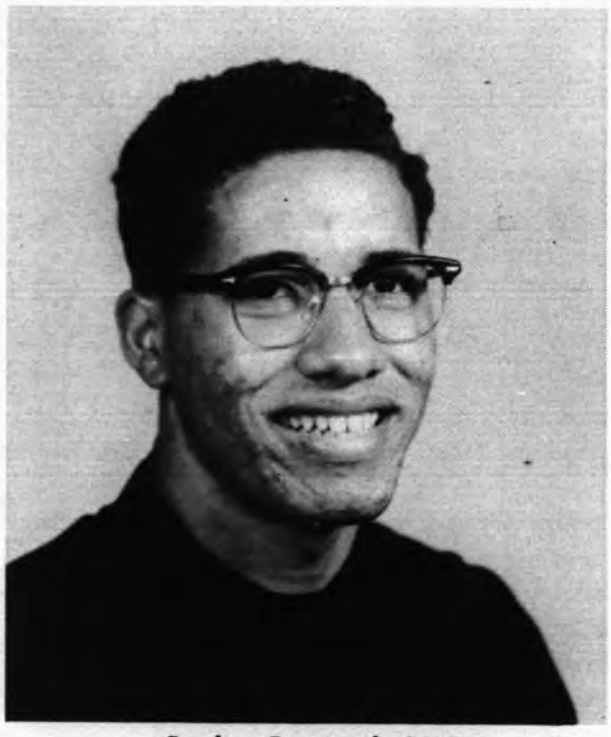

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He probably did, but for reasons of his own. The only difference was that mine was an emotional binge.

I hurried home as it was getting colder by the minute. I changed clothes, lit the fire in the fireplace and settled down to read the papers. I had just finished my two comics, Dick Tracy and Orphan Annie and was deep in the news when the telephone rang. I answered to hear a familiar voice with a chuckle in it say:

"Well, Tom, who is your new love? And I must say that she is a beauty!"

It was Mary Kelty, a good friend of mine who lives in near-by Tudor City. She had seen us in church. I told Mary this story and we did manage a chuckle over the dollar episode and I felt better. Mary liked the story so much that I thought you might enjoy it too. It is my great hope on Christmas morning, when little Karen stands on tip-toe before the crib and looks into the face of the Babe of Bethlehem, she will receive from Him the warmth, the love, and the happiness she needs so much, and so richly deserves.

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He probably did, but for reasons of his own. The only difference was that mine was an emotional binge.

I hurried home as it was getting colder by the minute. I changed clothes, lit the fire in the fireplace and settled down to read the papers. I had just finished my two comics, Dick Tracy and Orphan Annie and was deep in the news when the telephone rang. I answered to hear a familiar voice with a chuckle in it say:

"Well, Tom, who is your new love? And I must say that she is a beauty!"

It was Mary Kelty, a good friend of mine who lives in near-by Tudor City. She had seen us in church. I told Mary this story and we did manage a chuckle over the dollar episode and I felt better. Mary liked the story so much that I thought you might enjoy it too. It is my great hope on Christmas morning, when little Karen stands on tip-toe before the crib and looks into the face of the Babe of Bethlehem, she will receive from Him the warmth, the love, and the happiness she needs so much, and so richly deserves.

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Boys' and Girls' CORNER

My dear Boys and Girls:

Once upon a time, a man and his wife came into a little country town late in the evening. They were a long way from home and were looking for a place to spend the night. But although they inquired at many houses, nobody had room for them. They couldn't even get a room in a public hotel!

The man felt sorry for his poor wife, because she was ready to give birth to a child. He prayed to God for a place to shelter her from the wind and cold. And God answered his prayer. They found an old stable where they could stay. It wasn't much but they gratefully thanked God even for this shelter.

That very same night a beautiful Baby was born in that old stable. And the Angels came down from Heaven to visit the poor man and his wife and the Baby in that old stable. Because the man's name was Joseph, and his wife's name was Mary, and the little Baby was Jesus, the Savior of the world.

If Mary and Joseph were looking for a place to stay TODAY, I'll bet that you and I would help them out. You would be glad to have them in your home, and so would I.

Now, on Christmas the Baby Jesus will be looking for a better place to stay than that old stable. Maybe some people will tell Him that they have no room for Him. Will YOU tell Him that, too? I really hope not. But instead I hope that you tell Jesus that He can come and stay in your heart. Offer Him your heart as His crib. Receive Him in Holy Communion on His Birthday, and the Angels will come down from Heaven again to visit the Baby Jesus in your soul.

A. CORNE'S MAIL BAG

Dear A. Corne,

Enclosed are some foreign stamps which I believe can be used for the missions. I was reading the CATHOLIC MESSENGER when I noticed that Barbara Ann Ziemnik of Cleveland, Ohio had sent you some. I hope these few are of some help. Very truly yours,

Marguerite Carbone
Stoneham, Mass.

Thanks very much, Marguerite, for the stamps. They all help in their way in our work for the missions. May God reward you.

Dear A. Corne,

Enclosed is a quarter ($.25) for the Burse in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. My name is Anna Rose Perrone. I am in the sixth grade in Saint Mark's School. My teacher's name is Sister Mary Raymond, O.P. I enjoy very much reading the "BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER". The Autobiographies interest me. I hope I will be sending mine soon. God bless you always.

Anna Rose Perrone
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Anna, Our Lady is going to love you very much for helping along this burse in her honor. May God bless you, your teacher and all your classmates. I'll be looking for that autobiography.

Dear A. Corne (Sir)

My name is Irene Klemish, I am 9 years old and I attend St. Anthony's R. C. School. I'm in the fourth grade and my teacher's name is Sr. M. Rachel. I read the Boys' and Girls' CORNER all the time and enjoy it very much. I belong to the 4-H Club and I hope to be a good member. We have to make our parents' supper Dec. 27. I have a dog and his name is Cocoamalt, he's black and brown and when he picks up his ears he looks like a clown. If you find any holy pictures of the Sacred Heart or Immaculate Conception please send them to me. Every night I say the rosary for the missionaries. Once I sold brownies and I got $1.00 and sent it to Japan. God bless and keep you always. Your friend,

Fairfield, Conn.
Irene Klemish

I am glad to know you, Irene; glad to know your teacher, and club, even your dog. If I find any nice holy pic-

tures, I will be sure to send them your way. Write again.

Dear A. Corne,

Hello, again. This is the second time I have written to you. I saw my name in the October issue of the MESSENGER. I showed it to my teacher and friends and they all enjoyed it very much.

This year I am in the seventh grade and Sister Mary Kilian, R.S.M. is my teacher. She is very nice and doesn't give out too many punishments. I showed her the MESSENGER and said that she would like very much for her name to be in it.

I would like to have Mr. Moduthagam's address. My sister, Joanne and I would like very much to be his pen pals. Joanne and I also saved stamps for the missionaries. Some are from Poland. My Grandmother gave them to me. She writes to her nephew in Poland and receives stamps and gives them to me. I hope they help the missionaries. Besides Joanne, I have two more sisters, Linda and Annette. Two brothers, John and Ray and my mother and father. Six children in all. Yours truly,

Barbara Ann Ziemnik
Cleveland, Ohio

Welcome to the CORNER again, Barbara Ann. You and Joanne seem to do good work for the missions. God bless you. I am sending you Mr. Moduthagam's address. I know he will be delighted to hear from you.

Dear A. Corne:

I read with interest about Mr. Moduthagam of South India. I would like it very much if you could please send me his address.

My name is Delbert Fontaine, sixteen years old, in grade eleven and a Catholic. I am interested in school and studying besides fishing, hunting and other sports.

If by chance you find it impossible to fill my request: I am wondering if you would know of any other boy sixteen or older who would like to write. I would prefer a pen-pal from another country other than Canada. This request does not have to be filled if it would be an inconvenience. Thank you very much. Yours truly,

Delbert W. Fontaine
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Delbert, I can easily fulfill your desires. I hope you and Mr. Moduthagam enjoy corresponding.

FATHER SMILEY'S FARM

Remember Father's question last October: "WHICH FARM WAS BIGGER — THE NEIGHBOR'S FARM, THAT WAS 4 SQUARE MILES, OR OURS THAT WAS 3 MILES SQUARE"?

Here's the answer in case you didn't figure is out: THE SMILEY FARM, 3 MILES SQUARE, CONTAINED 9 SQUARE MILES, AND WAS THEREFORE LARGER THAN THE NEIGHBOR'S FARM WHICH ONLY CONTAINED 4 SQUARE MILES.

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AUTOBIOGRAPHY CONTEST

Here come the lives of our Boys and Girls and believe me, they are good ones.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Thomas Cavalli
Brooklyn, N. Y.

I was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. in a two-family house, on August 15, 1947, at 4 A.M. in the morning. This is a particular day since it is the Assumption of the Blessed Mary. I consider it a great honor to be born on such a day. I don't remember, but Dad tells me it was a very warm day. The flowers were in full bloom, and a cool breeze rustled through the trees in our back yard. It was as if the world played music. My Dad is poetic and to him the first born must have been a great occasion.

I weighed 5 lbs. 15 ozs. at birth. When Dad came to see me at the hospital he sure was surprised. The nurse showed him a cute blond chubby baby by mistake. When the nurse realized the mistake and showed Dad his baby, he accepted me and now we are the best of friends.

At nine months I began to walk. By the time I was a year old, mother said I could beat the other youngsters on the block in running. Dad believes in big parties, and when he bent me over the cake I blew out the candles. He sure was proud of me. At six years we traveled to Canada. My aunt, uncle and grandmother came along. At Niagara Falls we viewed the splendor of the waterfalls. I will never forget the art of mother nature. It sure was fun going under the falls. We had to put on a long raincoat and boots.

We took a lot of pictures. These photos are most precious, not because of what they show, but because my grandmother is in them. She passed away a few years ago.

My first illness was the measles. It took me a week to get better. It was my first unpleasant experience.

My mother enrolled me in school, which made me very happy. Dad took off from work and we all dressed up in our Sunday finest. I could tell Dad and Mom were happy by the way they looked. We marched up the stairs of St. Matthew's Parochial School as if we were going to see the Mayor. I received Holy Communion at seven years old. We practiced the ceremony for one week. After receiving Communion the whole family went to New York City. We visited the top of the Empire State Building. When we got home, we were tired and went right to bed.

We moved into our new home two years ago. In my bedroom I have a desk to do my homework on. Above the desk is a bulletin board. On it I put different pictures of planes, actors, presidents and banners. Dad and Mom promised me a television set if I am good. On my dresser I have a beautiful statue of Jesus.

I like most subjects, but spelling I like the best. At lunch my brother and I walk on the boardwalk. We watch the fishermen and listen to their fish tales. The beach is only three blocks away. I never get tired of the beach. I love living here because we have a beautiful yard. It has a patio with colorful patio blocks surrounded by green grass. Our life is very pleasant and we thank God for all His kindness. I do not know what heaven is like, but if its as nice as the earth it must be a wonderful place.

From Florida, the land of oranges, we chose our next biography.

MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY
Sandra Denise Peel, 10
Miami, Fla.

I was born in Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Fla. on October 29, 1948 at about 2:33 P.M. I have a sister 3, a brother 4, and a baby brother almost 1. My sisters name is Nancy Louise. My older brother, Dennis Stephen, and my baby brother, Donald Barry. I have lived in Miami, Fla. all my life. I have visited Baltimore, Md. several times in the summer, so I have never seen snow in my life.

I have been in the hospital twice since I was born. Once to have my tonsils taken out, and once because my father and I were running and my head hit his hip. It gave me a concussion and my father had a great big bruise on his hip. I came out with no ill effects.

In Miami we have a new Bishop of the Diocese. His name is Bishop Coleman Francis Carroll. My mother hopes I may be confirmed by him.

We get the MESSENGER, I enjoy the BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER best.

These are the winners for this month's Autobiography Contest. Who will be next? It may be you, if you get the story of your life written and send it in to me here at the Seminnary.

HONORABLE MENTION goes to Geraldine Pinola of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Cathy Molchany of Johnstown, Pa. Others who sent in Autobiographies lately were Marianne Springer of Aniwa, Wisconsin; Stephen La Hue of Irrigon, Ore.; Mary Kay Zokoych of Chicago, Ill.; and Carol Simonelli, William Butler, Catherine Kimmel, Pauline Prisco, and Paula Sangemino —all of Our Lady of Solace School in Brooklyn, where they attend the 7th Grade taught by Sister Mary Monica, O.P.

Others from whom I heard, many of whom asked for Mr. Moduthagam's address were Frances Maldonado and Ron Scott of California; from Illinois Agnes Schneider; from Kentucky, Cecelia Ann Neil; from Massachusetts, Ruth Gallant; from Michigan, Mary Jo Mattes; from Minnesota, Kathleen Bouley and Elaine McCoy; from New Jersey, Rita Lash and Carole Nicole; from New York, Barbara Ryan and Joyce Salg; from North Dakota, Donna Cleary; from Ohio, Virginia Giewe; and from Pennsylvania, Pauline Calabrese, Rita Costello and Patricia Young.

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Lourdes, the scene of miracles each year, has become the most famous Marian pilgrimage shrine of this present day. To mark this centenary, millions from all over the world will travel to Lourdes this year to beg cures of their physical afflictions, although the material favors are insignificant beside the spiritual potency of Lourdes.

TO COMMEMORATE...

the Marian Year of Lourdes, we are establishing a BURSE IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES and invite you to contribute towards it. It is intended to be a Burse made up of offerings exclusively from subscribers of "St. Augustine's Messenger." We know that you will want to add your alms and have a part in this commemorative Memorial.

A BURSE consists of a sum of $5,000, which as specifie Canon Law is then invested safely. The Burse is assigne one particular seminarian preparing for the priesthood, the interest accruing from it supports this particular semin during his 14 years of study. Once ordained, the Bur assigned to another seminarian, and on and on in perpe

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An offering of a mere **QUARTER (25¢)** from **each** of our readers and subscriber will insure a Burse in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes for both St. Augustine's an Marygrove Seminaries. Our Lady will appreciate the little sacrifice!

Merely attach 25c with a bit of scotch or adhesive tape, slip it into an envelope and mail it to:

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES
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Dear Father Hunter:

I am happy to add my quarter to help establish the Burses in ho Our Lady of Lourdes for your seminaries. Please remember my inten your Masses and the prayers of the seminarians.

Gratefully,

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